

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IRIS WEINSTEIN HAGGAI, on her own behalf
and on behalf of JUDITH LYNNE WEINSTEIN
HAGGAI and GAD HAGGAI, JOHN DOE,
RICHARD ROE, JANE MOE, SHLOMI ZIV,
AYELET SAMERANO, on her own behalf and on
behalf of YONATAN SAMERANO, TALIK
GVILI, on her own behalf and on behalf of RAN
GVILI, ROEE BARUCH, on his own behalf and
on behalf of URIEL BARUCH, and JAMES POE,
on his own behalf and on behalf of LEO POE,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

NERDEEN KISWANI, individually and as the
representative of WITHIN OUR LIFETIME-
UNITED FOR PALESTINE, MARYAM ALWAN,
individually and as the representative of
COLUMBIA STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN
PALESTINE, CAMERON JONES, individually
and as the representative of COLUMBIA-
BARNARD JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE, and
MAHMOUD KHALIL, individually and as the
representative of COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
APARTHEID DIVEST, COLUMBIA
STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE, and
COLUMBIA-BARNARD JEWISH VOICE FOR
PEACE,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-02400-JAV

Hon. Jeannette A. Vargas

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Iris Weinstein Haggai, on her own behalf and on behalf of Judith Lynne Weinstein Haggai and Gad Haggai, John Doe, Richard Roe, Jane Moe, Shlomi Ziv, Ayelet Samerano, on her own behalf and on behalf of Yonatan Samerano, Talik Gvili, on her own behalf and on behalf of Ran Gvili, Roee Baruch, on his own behalf and on behalf of Uriel Baruch, and James Poe, on his

own behalf and on behalf of Leo Poe, by and through the undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this Amended Complaint pursuant to the Antiterrorism Act (“ATA”), 18 U.S.C. § 2333(d), and the Alien Tort Statute (“ATS”), 28 U.S.C. § 1350, to hold Defendants accountable for aiding and abetting Hamas’ continuing acts of international terrorism and violations of the law of nations.¹

INTRODUCTION

1. Defendants in this case are Hamas’ propaganda arm in New York City and on the Columbia University campus. We know this because they advertise themselves as such. Their self-described acts in furtherance of their goals to assist Hamas have included terrorizing and assaulting Jewish students, unlawfully taking over and damaging public and university property on Columbia’s campus, and physically assaulting Columbia employees. They act behind veils and largely seek to be anonymous individually yet seek to intimidate as a group. This case will pull down those veils and expose acts that violate this country’s antiterrorism laws. This case will finally hold these admitted terrorists accountable for their actions. It is time for American campuses to return to being centers for learning and to be saved from the relentless occupation by Hamas’ tragically misguided propagandists.

2. Plaintiffs are victims of Hamas’ heinous and ongoing acts of international terrorism, including October 7, 2023, the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. This action seeks to hold responsible critical allies of Hamas in the United States: New York-based organizations and individuals who, in coordination with Hamas and its affiliates, further Hamas’ continuing terror attacks and actions with insidious, pro-terror public relations operations, propaganda production and distribution, and unlawful acts.

¹ On April 17, 2025, this Court granted leave for Plaintiffs John Doe, Richard Roe, Jane Moe, James Poe, and Leo Moe to proceed under pseudonyms. ECF No. 17.

3. Hamas is a terrorist organization founded in 1987 with the express goal of destroying the State of Israel and murdering all Jews. Today, Hamas has expanded its targets to include the United States and Western civilization. Hamas furthers its objectives with suicide bombings, rocket attacks, stabbings, kidnappings, and using civilians as human shields. Beyond shedding the blood of the innocent, Hamas also uses vast, well-organized, and well-funded international propaganda networks to destroy Israel's public image to both disrupt Israel's relationships in the West and prevent it from developing new relationships, especially with its Arab neighbors.

4. Hamas' strategy is to commit acts of international terrorism and then use Israel's defensive response as a springboard to allow its affiliates throughout the world to perpetuate false propaganda and terrorize institutions to sway public opinion against Israel and toward Hamas. Hamas' propaganda campaigns regularly include, among other things, misrepresentative death tolls and false accusations that Israel is a genocidal "apartheid state."² This terror-by-propaganda strategy "transcends conventional warfare tactics, aiming to exploit the international community's response to civilian casualties, generate global condemnation of Israel, hamstring the [Israeli military's] operations, and protect Hamas' military capabilities under the guise of civilian safety."³

5. For decades, Hamas has maintained what is a functionally a U.S.-based public relations firm, which has changed forms several times to evade criminal and civil liability. Today, Hamas' American propaganda arm is directed and controlled by AJP Educational Foundation, Inc.

² It is widely known, for example, that approximately 2 million Muslims live in Israel, and nearly all are citizens or permanent residents. *See, e.g.,* Kali Robinson, *What to Know About the Arab Citizens of Israel*, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (Oct. 26, 2023), <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/what-know-about-arab-citizens-israel>.

³ Joshua Klein, *Exclusive: Renown Urban Warfare Expert John Spencer Warns 'World Playing Into Hamas's Strategy'*, BREITBART (Apr. 1, 2024), <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/04/01/exclusive-renown-urban-warfare-expert-john-spencer-warns-world-playing-hamass-strategy/>.

a/k/a American Muslims for Palestine (“AMP”) and its on-campus brand, National Students for Justice in Palestine (“NSJP”) (collectively, “AMP/NSJP”).

6. The Defendants are Within Our Lifetime – United for Palestine (“Within Our Lifetime”), Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine (“Columbia SJP”), Columbia-Barnard Jewish Voice for Peace (“Columbia JVP”), and Columbia University Apartheid Divest (“CUAD”) (collectively “Associational Defendants”) and their respective leaders Nerdeen Kiswani, Maryam Alwan, Cameron Jones, and Mahmoud Khalil (the “Individual Defendants”) (collectively with the Associational Defendants, “Defendants”). The Associational Defendants, which are sued through these leaders, form the New York City branches of Hamas’ American propaganda firm. They are among AMP/NSJP’s most important partners and affiliates.

7. On October 7, 2023, Hamas led a terrorist attack on Southern Israel. Hamas murdered more than 1,200 innocent people, including American citizens, and took more than 200 hostages back to Gaza. Since October 7, Hamas has continued to engage in countless acts of international terrorism, including continuing to hold innocent civilians as hostages, stealing and refusing to return the bodies of those they murdered, firing rockets at innocent civilians in Israel, and attacking Israeli soldiers.

8. While the October 7 attack was still underway, Hamas initiated its call for the “resistance abroad” to “join the battle in any way they can.” The Associational Defendants resoundingly and knowingly answered Hamas’ call to action, and the Individual Defendants participated directly in the misconduct.

9. On October 8, 2023, AMP/NSJP distributed a manifesto (“NSJP Toolkit”) that included materials that appear to have been created before October 7. The NSJP Toolkit: (i) identifies AMP/NSJP as “PART of” a “Unity Intifada” governed by Hamas’ “unified command”

of terrorist operations in Gaza; (ii) calls on AMP/NSJP's partners and allies to organize a "Day of Resistance" using specified graphics and marketing materials; and (iii) directed its allies to sign what was, effectively, a loyalty pledge to Hamas. On information and belief, AMP/NSJP sent the NSJP Toolkit to the Associational Defendants, which acted on the AMP/NSJP's directions.

10. Associational Defendants followed the NSJP Toolkit to the letter. Since October 7, these organizations have only been more aggressive and more militant in their efforts to, in coordination with Hamas and AMP/NSJP, distribute Hamas-created and affiliated propaganda, incite fear and violence, and attack critical academic, economic, and infrastructure centers in New York City.

11. Associational Defendants have distributed pro-terror propaganda stamped with the logo of the "Hamas Media Office." They also secretly and directly coordinated with Hamas' terror patron, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps ("IRGC"), to institute a blockade of critical infrastructure and institutions in New York City to support Hamas. They have also repeatedly terrorized and assaulted Jews across New York City and on Columbia University's campus, physically assaulted Columbia University employees, and illegally seized and damaged public and private property.

12. There is a legal chasm between independent political advocacy and coordinating with a foreign terrorist organization to seed pro-terror propaganda throughout America's largest city. Associational Defendants are not independent advocates; they are expert propagandists and proxies for international foreign terrorist organizations. Their actions violate the Antiterrorism Act and the law of nations.

THE PLAINTIFFS

13. Plaintiff Iris Weinstein Haggai, a U.S. citizen, is the daughter of Judith Lynne Weinstein Haggai, a U.S. citizen and Gad Haggai, a U.S. citizen. On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists invaded their home in Kibbutz Nir Oz, a kibbutz in southern Israel. Iris's friends were murdered, their children were burnt alive, and her community was destroyed. At 6:50 am, Iris' mother called her terrified from the field where she and Iris' father were hiding from the terrorists. Iris's parents disappeared. For 83 agonizing days, she had no idea if her parents were alive and being tortured, or dead. The psychological terror of not knowing was unbearable. Finally, Iris and her family received unconfirmed intelligence that Hamas terrorists had likely murdered her parents and stolen their bodies to use as bargaining chips. To this day, their bodies remain stolen in Hamas captivity, and Iris is still clinging to the hope that they might still be alive, as Hamas sometimes pretends that they have killed living hostages as part of their psychological torture. In fact, in approximately May 2024, Hamas released information suggesting that Iris' mother may have been alive when taken to Gaza as a hostage. Hamas implied she died in an Israeli airstrike.⁴ As a result of Hamas' unspeakable acts, Iris has suffered, and continues to suffer, severe mental and emotional pain, suffering, and distress. She brings a claim on her own behalf and on behalf of her parents under the Antiterrorism Act against Defendants for aiding and abetting the kidnapping and murder of her parents, a continuing act of international terrorism that persists through this day.

14. Plaintiff John Doe is a United States citizen and reservist in the Israel Defense Forces ("IDF"). In 2014, John Doe sustained injuries fighting Hamas in Operation Protective Edge. On October 7, 2023, Doe was pursuing a law degree from Columbia Law School. He returned to Israel following the attack, as he was called up for reserve duty. Doe spent 100 consecutive days

⁴ *Hamas Claims Israeli Hostage Killed in IDF Strike in New Propaganda Video*, JERUSALEM POST (May 7, 2024), <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-800313>.

in and around Gaza fighting Hamas. During that time, he was involved in gunfights and attacks by Hamas terrorists, each an act of international terrorism and collectively an ongoing act of international terrorism. While fighting Hamas, Doe suffered mental anguish and pain and suffering. He continues to suffer from the effects of his service and continues to suffer ongoing mental and emotional trauma. Now that he has returned home, he is still forced to confront Hamas affiliates on his own campus. Doe brings a claim under the Antiterrorism Act against Defendants for aiding and abetting Hamas' acts of international terrorism.

15. Plaintiff Richard Roe is a United States citizen and a reservist in the IDF. On October 7, 2023, upon learning of the attack, he immediately returned to serve. He was deployed to the Gaza Envelope, operating in Kfar Aza, Be'eri, and Nahal Oz, and he later participated in operations in Khan Yunis to dismantle Hamas leadership and infrastructure. After months of service, Roe returned to the United States to complete his studies at Columbia University, where he was met with an overwhelming atmosphere of hostility and discrimination created because of Associational Defendants. In one instance, a classmate approached Roe, openly declared their support for Hamas as a "freedom fighter" group, and told Roe that his family and friends live on stolen land. In another, a student accosted Roe as he was standing at a pro-Israel table at the campus clubs fair, put pro-Hamas stickers on the materials on the table, pushed the table, and ripped up the sign-up papers. At Associational Defendants' urging, students actively distance themselves from Roe and other Jewish students, refuse to work with him, ignore him, and treat him as a second-class citizen. Students and professors alike have confided to Roe that they do not feel safe at school in light of the severe antisemitic disruption alleged herein. Roe has felt constantly threatened and forced to defend himself. Roe brings a claim under the Antiterrorism Act against Defendants for aiding and abetting Hamas' acts of international terrorism.

16. Plaintiff Jane Moe, a U.S. citizen, served in the IDF before enrolling at Columbia University. On October 7, Moe's younger brother was deployed to Gaza, where he fought against Hamas for over a year and sustained injuries in battle. While on Columbia's campus, Moe has experienced severe emotional distress and fear due to pro-Hamas protests occurring just outside her window. These demonstrations glorify the very terrorists who had attempted to harm and kill her brother, exacerbating her emotional turmoil. Moe brings a claim under the Antiterrorism Act against Defendants for aiding and abetting Hamas' acts of international terrorism.

17. Plaintiff Shlomi Ziv, an Israeli citizen, was a member of the security team at the Nova Music Festival in southern Israel on October 7. During the attack, Shlomi remained at the festival site to fend off terrorists and evacuate people, until he himself was kidnapped and taken to Gaza. Shlomi was held hostage in Gaza for 246 days, in the home of a Hamas operative, until he was rescued by the IDF. While held hostage, Shlomi's Hamas captors bragged about having Hamas operatives on American university campuses. In fact, they showed him Al-Jazeera stories and photographs of protests at Columbia University that were organized by Associational Defendants while Shlomi was being held hostage. Shlomi suffered, and continues to suffer, mental anguish and pain and suffering because of his kidnapping. Shlomi brings a claim under the Alien Tort Statute against Defendants for aiding and abetting his kidnapping by Hamas in violation of the law of nations.

18. Plaintiff Ayelet Samerano, an Israeli citizen, is a mother whose life was irreversibly shattered by the atrocities of October 7. Ayelet's 21-year-old son, Yonatan Samerano, was shot and killed by a terrorist during the Hamas-led onslaught. Then, Yonatan's body was captured, tossed into the back of a vehicle, and driven to Gaza. Hamas and its allies continue to hold Yonatan's body captive today. Ayelet has suffered, and continues to suffer, mental anguish and pain and

suffering, made worse by Associational Defendants' aiding and abetting her son's attackers. Ayelet brings a claim on her own behalf and on behalf of her son under the Alien Tort Statute against Defendants for aiding and abetting the murder of her son and the kidnapping of his remains by Hamas in violation of the law of nations.

19. Plaintiff Talik Gvili, an Israeli citizen, is the mother of Sergeant First Class Ran Gvili, a patrol officer who was attacked and killed defending Kibbutz Alumim during the October 7 attack. Despite his injuries, Ran continued to engage his terrorist attackers, displaying exceptional bravery. Hamas kidnapped Ran's body and has held him hostage in Gaza ever since. Ran was officially declared deceased on January 31, 2024. His family, enduring a prolonged period of uncertainty, held onto hope until his death was confirmed. Talik brings a claim on her own behalf and on behalf of her son under the Alien Tort Statute against Defendants for aiding and abetting the murder of her son and the kidnapping of his remains by Hamas in violation of the law of nations.

20. Roe Baruch, an Israeli citizen, is the brother of Uriel Baruch a 35-year-old father of two who attended the Nova Music Festival in southern Israel on October 7. During the event, Hamas terrorists launched a brutal attack, leading to Uriel's abduction and subsequent captivity in Gaza. At first, his family, including his brother Roe, held onto hope, believing Uriel was alive. Tragically, in March 2024, the Israeli military informed them that Uriel had been killed on October 7 and that Hamas was holding his body captive in Gaza. Roe brings a claim on his own behalf and on behalf of his brother under the Alien Tort Statute against Defendants for aiding and abetting the murder of his brother and the kidnapping of his remains by Hamas in violation of the law of nations.

21. James Poe, an Israeli citizen, is the father of Leo Poe, who was kidnapped by Hamas terrorists from the Nova Music Festival on October 7. On the day of the massacre, Leo was serving as a member of the festival's security team alongside his close friends, who were murdered during the attack. Hamas kidnapped Leo and took him to Gaza, where he remains to this day in an ongoing act of terror. Poe brings a claim on his own behalf and on behalf of his son under the Alien Tort Statute against Defendants for aiding and abetting the kidnapping of his son by Hamas in violation of the law of nations.

THE DEFENDANTS

22. Defendant Nerdeen Kiswani is sued individually and as the representative of Within Our Lifetime. Kiswani is the co-founder, chair, and de facto president of Within Our Lifetime, which she founded in 2015 as "New York Students for Justice in Palestine." In 2018, Kiswani rebranded the organization to expand beyond students. Since then, Within Our Lifetime has been an instrumental ally for Hamas that spreads propaganda, organizes violent and racist riots and demonstrations, and promotes chaos and fear across New York City. Kiswani personally advocates for the destruction of the State of Israel "by any means necessary" and has positioned herself as one of the loudest pro-Hamas voices throughout New York City. Both Kiswani and her organization, Within Our Lifetime, are responsible for inciting many of the most horrific, violent, and hateful pro-Hamas riots through New York City.⁵

23. Defendant Maryam Alwan is sued individually and as the representative of Columbia SJP. Columbia SJP is NSJP's Columbia University affiliate. Columbia SJP was the leading organizer of pro-Hamas disruptions, encampments, and riots on Columbia's campus,

⁵ *Nerdeen Kiswani*, CANARY MISSION (last visited May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/individual/Nerdeen_Kiswani; *Within Our Lifetime*, Canary Mission (last visited May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/organization/Within_Our_Lifetime.

including virulent antisemitic protests that harassed and physically intimidated Jewish students and faculty, glorified Hamas, engaged in dangerous premeditated unlawful acts, and significantly impaired Columbia University's ability to provide educational services to its students. These indefensible activities led Columbia to suspend Columbia SJP in November 2023. But through intermediaries, Columbia SJP continues operating covertly.

24. On information and belief, Alwan is the president or de facto president of Columbia SJP. The bases for the belief that Alwan leads Columbia SJP include that she has publicly identified herself as an active member and organizer of Columbia SJP and has publicly described actions she took for and on behalf of Columbia SJP consistent with her being its de facto leader. A documentary featuring interviews with Alwan describes her as "a leader" of the organization.⁶ A well-known television host has described Alwan as "Lead Organizer, Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine."⁷ The Columbia Spectator described her as a "prominent member of the pro-Palestinian student activist movement on campus."⁸

25. In March 2024, Columbia SJP challenged its suspension in a lawsuit captioned *Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine v. Columbia University in the City of New York* ("Columbia SJP v. Columbia"), No. 152220/2024 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cty. filed Mar. 11, 2024). The petitioners were Alwan, Jones, Columbia SJP, and Columbia JVP. In that action, Alwan filed an 11-page, 52-paragraph sworn affirmation detailing her activities for and on behalf of Columbia SJP.⁹ She admitted to "participat[ing] in the coordination of some actions and events" and

⁶ Al-Jazeera, "The Palestine Exception: The crackdown on Israel criticism at Columbia and other US campuses," at 2:34, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziccxuAwJd4>.

⁷ Facebook (Joy Reid), <https://www.facebook.com/joyreidofficial/posts/thank-you-maryam-alwan-lead-organizer-columbia-students-for-justice-in-palestine/995804988574639/> (Apr. 22, 2024).

⁸ Columbia Spectator, "Maryam Alwan, GS '25, on heritage, humor, and having no regrets," <https://www.columbiaspectator.com/news/2025/05/09/maryam-alwan-gs-25-on-heritage-humor-and-having-no-regrets/> (May 9, 2025).

⁹ Affidavit of Maryam Alwan dated March 11, 2024 ("Alwan Affirmation" or "Alwan Aff."), *Columbia SJP v. Columbia*, No. 152220/2024 (filed Mar. 11, 2024) (NYSCEF Doc. No. 3).

“speak[ing] with university administrators and staff and mak[ing] statements to the press on behalf of SJP.”¹⁰ In total, the Alwan Affirmation refers to four separate occasions where she met with Columbia administrators.

26. On October 11, 2023, she met with “Ms. Whalen-Turini,” who on information and belief is Marnie Whalen-Turini, the Director of Student Engagement, Orientation, and Community Programs at Columbia.¹¹ The meeting evidently concerned student protests. Five days later, on October 16, Alwan met with unspecified “administrators” to ask them to “protect us” from so-called “doxing.”¹² The Alwan Affirmation does not identify any other Columbia SJP members who attended these meetings.

27. On November 30, Alwan met with a slate of senior university administrators “on behalf of SJP.”¹³ The administrators present were “VP Rosberg [*i.e.*, Gerald Rosberg, the then-Senior Executive Vice President], Vice President Joseph Greenwell, and USL Dean Cristen Kromm.”¹⁴ The subject of the meeting was the suspension of Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP. No other person is identified as attending on behalf of Columbia SJP.

28. On January 8, 2024, Alwan attended yet another meeting with Columbia administrators, including “Ms. Whalen-Turini, chair of the SGB Executive Board and SGB delegate to the Student Group Adjudication Board (SGAB) Yanni Kent, USL Dean Kromm, and Executive Director of Student Engagement Aaron Gomes.”¹⁵ The “goal of this meeting,” according

¹⁰ *Id.* ¶ 7. The Alwan Affirmation uses “SJP” to mean Columbia SJP. *See id.* ¶ 2 (“I am a member and organizer of Students for Justice in Palestine (‘SJP’), a student organization at Columbia University.”)

¹¹ *Id.* ¶ 31.

¹² *Id.* ¶ 13, 12.

¹³ *Id.* ¶ 36; *see also id.* ¶¶ 37–43.

¹⁴ *Id.* ¶ 36.

¹⁵ *Id.* ¶ 45.

to Alwan, “was for us to try and understand what the steps would be in order for SJP and JVP to be reinstated.”¹⁶

29. Alwan also “maintain[s] access to SJP’s official email inbox, which is listed on the university’s website for student organizations, as well as our Instagram account.”¹⁷ Alwan also “monitor[s]” these accounts.¹⁸ According to a different Columbia SJP social media account, the organization was “permanently banned” from Instagram around August 26, 2024, and its “account was permanently deleted.”¹⁹

30. An attachment to the Alwan Affirmation indicates that she has received, at the Columbia SJP email account she monitors, an email from Columbia administrators addressed to “Student Group *Leaders*.”²⁰ Finally, although Alwan reveals little information about Columbia SJP’s internal meetings or workings, she identifies one instance in which she acted like a leader. On October 18, when a Columbia SJP meeting was interrupted by noise, Alwan claims she “asked everyone to take off their keffiyehs.”²¹

31. Defendant Cameron Jones is sued individually and as the representative of Columbia JVP. Columbia JVP is the Columbia chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace (“JVP”), a national “partner” of AMP/NSJP.²² JVP reportedly views itself as an “enemy” and “opponent” of the Jewish community and sees its goal as creating “a wedge” within the American Jewish

¹⁶ *Id.* ¶ 45, 46; *see also id.* ¶¶ 47–48. The Alwan Affirmation uses “JVP” to refer to Columbia JVP. *See id.* ¶ 6 (“SJP also directly interacts with its University of Student Life (‘USL’) advisor, who, as of the fall 2023, it shared with Barnard-Columbia Jewish Voice for Peace (‘JVP’).”).

¹⁷ *Id.* ¶ 12.

¹⁸ *Id.* ¶ 31.

¹⁹ Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine (@ColumbiaSJP), X, <https://x.com/ColumbiaSJP/status/1828099828301107294> (Aug. 26, 2024).

²⁰ Exhibit D to Alwan Aff. (NYSCEF Doc. No. 7) (emphasis added); Alwan Aff. ¶ 32.

²¹ Alwan Aff. ¶ 14.

²² Jewish Voice for Peace (@jvplive), X (Feb. 7, 2013), <https://x.com/jvplive/status/299684288562081793>; *Jewish Voice for Peace and American Muslims for Palestine Respond to Islamophobic Personal Attacks*, JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE (last visited Mar. 23, 2025) <https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/2017/05/11/jvp-amp-respond-islamophobic-pers>.

community to create the impression of weakened Jewish support for the State of Israel.²³ Columbia JVP often coordinates with Columbia SJP and, like its national partner, is used to provide a cover so that AMP/NSJP affiliates can avoid allegations of antisemitism. Columbia JVP was suspended from Columbia's campus alongside Columbia SJP.

32. On information and belief, Jones is the president or de facto president of Columbia JVP. The bases for the belief that Jones leads Columbia JVP include that he has publicly identified himself as an active member and organizer of Columbia JVP and has publicly described actions he took for and on behalf of Columbia JVP consistent with his being its de facto leader. Jones has been described by NPR as “a leader of the Columbia demonstrations,”²⁴ and he has called himself a “one of the lead organizers of Jewish Voice for Peace.”²⁵

33. Like Alwan, Jones acted as the face of his organization in *Columbia SJP v. Columbia*. And like Alwan, Jones filed a lengthy sworn affirmation detailing his leadership activities on behalf of Columbia JVP.²⁶ Jones admitted to “participat[ing] in the coordination of actions and events” and to “speaking with university administrators, and our student club advisors.”²⁷ Jones attended the November 30, 2023 meeting with university administrators described in the Alwan Affirmation—apparently as the sole representative of Columbia JVP—where he described himself to VP Rosberg as “a Jewish student who represents an organization of

²³ *Driving a Wedge: JVPs Strategy to Weaken U.S. Support for Israel by Dividing the Jewish Community*, NGO Monitor (July 8, 2013), <https://ngo-monitor.org/reports/driving-a-wedge-jvp-s-strategy-to-weaken-u-s-support-for-israel-by-dividing-the-jewish-community/>.

²⁴ NPR, “The latest on student protests in New York City and around the country,” <https://www.npr.org/2024/05/01/1248545157/the-latest-on-student-protests-in-new-york-city-and-around-the-country> (May 1, 2024).

²⁵ YouTube, “Inside Columbia’s Crackdown on Pro-Palestine Free Speech | Rights This Way Podcast | NYCLU,” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQMxtPutHi8>, at 7:29.

²⁶ Affidavit of Cameron Jones dated March 9, 2024 (“Jones Affirmation” or Jones Alwan Aff.), *Columbia SJP v. Columbia*, No. 152220/2024 (filed Mar. 11, 2024) (NYSCEF No. 9).

²⁷ *Id.* ¶ 12.

Jewish people on campus.”²⁸ Jones also attended the January 8, 2024 meeting described in the Alwan Affirmation, where Jones discussed “our [*i.e.*, Columbia JVP’s] suspension and the process for reinstatement” with university administrators.²⁹

34. Jones also “maintain[s] access to JVP’s official email inbox, which is listed on the university’s website for student organizations, as well as our Instagram account.”³⁰

35. Defendant Mahmoud Khalil is sued individually and as the representative of CUAD, Columbia SJP, and Columbia JVP. Khalil is the public face and *de facto* president of CUAD. On information and belief, Khalil is also the *de facto* president of Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP.³¹ CUAD was originally founded in 2016 as a collection of Columbia student organizations that supported the Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (“BDS”) movement. CUAD remained largely dormant for years until November 2023 after Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP were suspended and began operating on campus through CUAD. Since then, Khalil has been the public-facing leader of CUAD. Khalil (i) was among the spokespeople for the so-called “Gaza Solidarity Encampment” (“Encampment”) at Columbia University, a prolonged pro-Hamas propaganda effort; (ii) threatened “escalation” on behalf of CUAD if its demands were not met; (iii) organized and led the actions of CUAD and Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP, which operate through CUAD; and (iv) on information and belief, directly coordinates with Hamas, AMP/NSJP, and/or other agents and affiliates of Hamas and related foreign terrorist organizations. On March 9, 2025, Khalil was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement pending his removal

²⁸ *Id.* ¶ 39; *see id.* ¶¶ 35–42.

²⁹ *Id.* ¶ 47; *see id.* ¶¶ 46–48.

³⁰ *Id.* ¶ 12. The Jones Affirmation uses “JVP” to refer to Columbia JVP. *See id.* ¶ 2 (“I am a member and organizer of the Columbia-Barnard Jewish Voice for Peace (‘JVP’).”).

³¹ This allegations is made in the alternative to the allegations that Alwan and Jones are *de facto* leaders of Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP.

from the United States of America, upon information and belief, based on many of his actions described in this Complaint.³²

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

36. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1350.

37. This Court has personal jurisdiction under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2333(a) and 2334.

38. Venue is proper in this Court under 18 U.S.C. § 2334(a), which permits claims under the Antiterrorism Act to be brought “in the district court . . . for any district where any plaintiff resides or where any defendant resides.” The Defendants are New York residents operating four unincorporated associations—Within Our Lifetime, Columbia SJP, Columbia JVP, and CUAD—that are based in New York and operate exclusively in New York.³³

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION TO HAMAS

39. In 1987, after starting the “First Intifada”—a murderous string of terrorist attacks directed at defenseless civilians—the International Muslim Brotherhood’s Gaza branch created Hamas.³⁴ Hamas rejects Israel’s right to exist. Instead, it engages in terrorism—“jihad”—to implement an Islamist state “from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea,”³⁵ a reference to the entire State of Israel.

40. One of the primary purposes for Hamas’ terrorism, even from its inception, has been to prevent Israel from building and developing global relationships, particularly as it pertains

³² *Mahmoud Khalil*, CANARY MISSION (last visited Mar. 23, 2025), https://canarymission.org/individual/Mahmoud_Khalil.

³³ On information and belief, the Defendants also satisfy N.Y. Gen. Ass’n L. § 13.

³⁴ Kali Robinson, *What is Hamas?*, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (last updated Oct. 17, 2024), <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/what-hamas>.

³⁵ AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, “FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA” (last visited May 25, 2025), <https://www.ajc.org/translatehate/From-the-River-to-the-Sea>; ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, SLOGAN: “FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA PALESTINE WILL BE FREE” (Oct. 26, 2023), <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounder/slogan-river-sea-palestine-will-be-free>.

to its Arab neighbors. For this reason, Hamas' largest waves of terror often coincide with disrupting major peace negotiations or agreements between Israel and its neighbors.³⁶

41. On October 8, 1997, the U.S. State Department officially designated Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization ("FTO"). Hamas' FTO status has been reaffirmed twice. It remains an FTO today.³⁷

42. Hamas relies on a three-pronged strategy to pursue its terroristic aims:

- a. **First**, Hamas uses indiscriminate, violent acts of terror against Israeli civilians, including suicide bombings, shootings, stabbings, and rocket attacks.³⁸
- b. **Second**, Hamas uses non-combatant Palestinians—its own people—as human shields. For Hamas, this is a win-win scenario because after a terror attack, Israel faces two impossible choices. Either Israel determines that the risk of killing non-combatants in a defensive operation is too great and does not engage in the operation, or Israel determines that the risk of not acting is too great and engages in the operations. The latter allows Hamas to accuse Israel of murdering the Palestinian civilians whom Hamas placed in the line of fire.
- c. **Third**, Hamas relies on propaganda to demonize Israel, glorify its "resistance" efforts, and cast itself as a victim of mythical "settler-colonial" oppressors—Israel and the Jewish people.

43. International propaganda, particularly propaganda directed at Western nations like the United States, is central to Hamas' strategy. Indeed, Hamas stresses the importance of propaganda in its Charter:

Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious. It needs all sincere efforts. It is a step that inevitably should be followed by other steps. The Movement is but one squadron that should be supported by more and more squadrons from this vast Arab and Islamic world, until the enemy is vanquished and Allah's victory is

³⁶ David D. Kirkpatrick & Adam Rasgon, *The Hamas Propaganda War* (Oct. 30, 2023) (October 7 was "a premeditated coup against the Arab-Israeli peace plan"), <https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-hamas-propaganda-war>.

³⁷ See CRS REPORT FOR CONGRESS, FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS 27-30 (Feb. 6, 2004), <https://irp.fas.org/crs/RL32223.pdf>.

³⁸ See generally HAMAS, THE COVENANT OF THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT (Aug. 18, 1988), https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp.

realised. . . . In face of the Jews' usurpation of Palestine, it is compulsory that the banner of Jihad be raised. To do this requires the diffusion of Islamic consciousness among the masses, both on the regional, Arab and Islamic levels. It is necessary to instill the spirit of Jihad in the heart of the nation so that they would confront the enemies and join the ranks of the fighters.

It is necessary that scientists, educators and teachers, information and media people, as well as the educated masses, especially the youth and sheikhs of the Islamic movements, should take part in the operation of awakening (the masses). It is important that basic changes be made in the school curriculum The Crusaders realised that it was impossible to defeat the Moslems without first having ideological invasion pave the way by upsetting their thoughts, disfiguring their heritage and violating their ideals. Only then could they invade with soldiers.

[We] hope[] that all these groupings will side with it in all spheres, would support it, adopt its stand and solidify its activities and moves, work towards rallying support for it so that the Islamic people will be a base and a stay for it, supplying it with strategic depth an all human material and informative spheres, in time and in place. This should be done through the convening of solidarity conferences, the issuing of explanatory bulletins, favourable articles and booklets, enlightening the masses regarding the Palestinian issue . . . so that these peoples would be equipped to perform their role in the decisive battle of liberation.³⁹

44. “Propaganda plays a critical role for Hamas as it seeks to shore up its popularity” and is designed to “paint Israel as an oppressive occupier whose military operations and policies harm Palestinians, especially innocent civilians, including children.”⁴⁰ Hamas’ terror-by-propaganda strategy, which relies heavily on preexisting and historical hatred of Jews and antisemitic biases, “transcends conventional warfare tactics, . . . generate[s] global condemnation

³⁹ HAMAS, THE COVENANT OF THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT (Aug. 18, 1988), https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp.

⁴⁰ Daniel Byman & Emma McCaleb, *Understanding Hamas’s and Hezbollah’s Uses of Information Technology*, CTR. FOR STRATEGIC & INT’L STUDS. (July 31, 2023), <https://www.csis.org/analysis/understanding-hamass-and-hezbollahs-uses-information-technology>.

of Israel, hamstring[s] the IDF's operations, and protect[s] Hamas' military capabilities under the guise of civilian safety.”⁴¹

45. Today, Hamas is largely funded, trained, and controlled by the Islamic Republic of Iran's IRGC, another FTO. Hamas and the IRGC share the common goal of destroying Israel and the United States.

II. HAMAS' AMERICAN PROPAGANDA DIVISION

A. *The “Palestine Committee”*

46. In 1988, the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas founded the “Palestine Committee” to serve as Hamas' terrorist funder and support enterprise in the United States.⁴² The Palestine Committee was a network of like-minded organizations that disregarded corporate forms and legal requirements. The Palestine Committee directly coordinated with Hamas to help achieve its goals in the United States. For example, in 1993, the FBI wiretapped a meeting between the Palestine Committee and Hamas operatives in the United States that

show[s] internal discussions on how to improve activities in support of Hamas within the US and how to shield them from the designation of Hamas as a terrorist organization. US-based Hamas activists agreed that hiding their affiliation and intentions was the best tactic to avoid negative consequences. “I swear by Allah that war is deception,” said one senior leader, “[d]eceive, camouflage, pretend that you're leaving while you're walking that way. Deceive your enemy.” “Let's not hoist a large Islamic flag and let's not be barbaric-talking. We will remain a front so that if the thing [the U.S. government ban on Hamas] happens, we will benefit from the new happenings instead of having all of our organizations classified and exposed.”⁴³

⁴¹ Joshua Klein, *Exclusive: Renown Urban Warfare Expert John Spencer Warns ‘World Playing Into Hamas’s Strategy’*, BREITBART (Apr. 1, 2024), <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/04/01/exclusive-renown-urban-warfare-expert-john-spencer-warns-world-playing-hamass-strategy/>.

⁴² Lorenzo Vidino, *The Hamas Networks in America: A Short History*, GW PROGRAM ON EXTREMISM, at 5, 7–8 (Oct. 2023), <https://extremism.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs5746/files/2023-10/hamas-networks-final.pdf>.

⁴³ *Id.* at 5.

47. The wiretapped meeting centered around the Palestine Committee’s assurance to Hamas that, following the Oslo Accords, it remained committed to promoting Hamas’ goal of derailing Israel’s normalization and peace efforts by assisting on all fronts: financial, informational, and political.

48. The Palestine Committee consisted of several organizations. Relevant here are the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (“HLF”) and the Islamic Association for Palestine (“IAP”).⁴⁴ HLF served as Hamas’ fundraising arm in the United States. IAP’s “primary function was to serve as the public voice of Hamas in the United States.”⁴⁵

49. HLF and IAP were both founded and controlled by members of Hamas’ senior leadership. For example, IAP was founded by Khaled Mashal, the current Acting Chairman of the Hamas Political Bureau⁴⁶; Mashal also served previously served as Hamas’ acting leader.⁴⁷ Mashal described IAP as one of the “first pillars” of Hamas’ terrorist organization.⁴⁸ HLF and IAP were financed by Mousa abu Marzook, a “Specially Designated Global Terrorist.”⁴⁹

⁴⁴ IAP had many alter egos, including but not limited to American Muslim Society. *See Boim v. Am. Muslims for Palestine*, 9 F.4th 545, 548 (7th Cir. 2021).

⁴⁵ Matthew Levitt, *Hamas: Politics, Charity, and Terrorism in the Service of Jihad*, 151 (2006).

⁴⁶ *Head of Hamas Abroad Khaled Mashal: Only Jihad Will Restore Our Rights*, Memri (Mar. 10, 2025), <https://www.memri.org/tv/khaled-mashal-hamas-abroad-jihad-resistance-battlefield>; *Hamas’ Mashaal Rejects Trump’s Gaza Plan, Vows to Pursue ‘Jihad and Resistance’*, ISRAEL NATIONAL NEWS (Mar. 17, 2025), <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/405475>; *Hamas: What Has Happened to its Most Prominent Leaders?*, BBC (Jan. 21, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67103298>; *Mapping Palestinian Politics – Khaled Mashal*, EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, https://ecfr.eu/special/mapping_palestinian_politics/khaled_mashal/.

⁴⁷ TOI Staff, *Who’s Next? Speculation Swirls on Who Will Take Over Hamas from Slain Sinwar*, TIMES OF ISRAEL (Oct. 18, 2024), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/whos-next-speculation-whirls-on-who-will-take-over-hamas-from-slain-sinwar/>.

⁴⁸ Garry M. Servold, *The Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic Radicalism*, KNOW THY ENEMY: PROFILES OF ADVERSARY LEADERS AND THEIR STRATEGIC CULTURES, at 61–62 (Barry R. Schneider & Jerrold M. Post eds., 2003), <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Portals/10/CSDS/Books/knowthyenemy3.pdf>.

⁴⁹ OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSET CONTROL, SANCTIONS LIST SEARCH: MOUSA ABU MARZOOK A/K/A ABU OMAR, ABU UMAR, ABU RIZQ, <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/Details.aspx?id=3754>.

50. In 2001, the United States Office of Foreign Asset Control designated HLF a “Specially Designated Global Terrorist.”⁵⁰ Then, in 2008, HLF and five of its leaders—often referred to by Hamas and its allies as the “Holy Land 5”—were convicted of providing material support to Hamas.⁵¹ Among many other things, evidence at trial established “numerous donation checks” were “for Palestinian Mujahidden [martyrs] only.”⁵²

51. In December 2004, after IAP was found civilly liable for funneling money to Hamas in violation of the ATA, IAP dissolved.⁵³

52. Hamas’ initial material support enterprise was so significant to Hamas that, on October 9, 2023, Hamas officials explained that one of their goals for their October 7 terrorist attack was the release of the terrorist financiers convicted in the HLF trial.

B. AMP and NSJP

53. Shortly after the original material support enterprise for Hamas—including HLF and IAP—was exposed, its architects resurrected the enterprise in a way that would more effectively hide their actions. In 2006, several of the original enterprise’s key members founded AMP to fill the gap left by the loss of IAP.

54. There is “significant overlap between AMP and people who worked for or on behalf of organizations that were designated, dissolved, or held civilly liable by federal authorities for supporting Hamas.”⁵⁴

⁵⁰ OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSET CONTROL, SANCTIONS LIST SEARCH: HOLY LAND FOUNDATION FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/Details.aspx?id=7116>.

⁵¹ See Press Release, Federal Judge Hands Down Sentences in Holy Land Foundation Case, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE (Mar. 27, 2009), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-down-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case>.

⁵² *From Ivory Towers to Dark Corners: Investigating the Nexus between Antisemitism, Tax-Exempt Universities, and Terror Financing: Hearing before the House Committee on Ways and Means*, 118 Cong. (2023), at 8 (“Schanzer 2023 Congressional Testimony”), <https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Schanzer-Testimony.pdf>.

⁵³ See *Boim v. Holy Land Found. for Relief & Dev.*, 549 F.3d 685, 701 (7th Cir. 2008).

⁵⁴ *Israel Imperiled: Threats to the Jewish State: Joint Hearing before the Subcomm. on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade & the Subcomm. on the Middle East and North Africa*, 114 Cong. 156 (2016) (Statement of Jonathan

55. Hatem Bazian, a former speaker and fundraiser for the Palestine Committee, is the founder and Chairman of AMP and, while acting as a professor at the University of California at Berkeley, founded the first Students for Justice in Palestine chapter.⁵⁵ Bazian believes that “[i]t is about time we have an intifada in [the United States].”⁵⁶

56. Osama Abuirshaid, the Executive Director and National Board Member of AMP was a former Board Member of IAP. Abuirshaid specializes in creating and publishing propaganda for Hamas and its allies. He has interviewed Hamas leadership⁵⁷ and been featured on the website of the al-Qassam Brigades: the military wing of Hamas.⁵⁸ In 2021, Abuirshaid spoke at a conference alongside Leila Khaled (a convicted airplane hijacker),⁵⁹ Sami Khater (a Hamas co-founder), and Mohammad Nazzal (a Hamas Senior Official and Specially Designated Global Terrorist).⁶⁰ Abuirshaid also regularly travels to Turkey, where he meets with Sami Al-Arian, who was convicted in the United States in 2006 for providing material support to Palestinian Islamic

Schanzer) (“Schanzer 2016 Congressional Testimony”), <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA18/20160419/104817/HHRG-114-FA18-Wstate-SchanzerJ-20160419.pdf?ref=stanfordreview.org>.

⁵⁵ Eitan Fischberger, *The Long March of Radicalization*, CITY JOURNAL (Oct. 16, 2023), <https://www.city-journal.org/article/the-long-march-of-radicalization>; Daniel Mael, *On Many Campuses, Hate is Spelled SJP*, THE TOWER (Oct. 2014), <https://www.thetower.org/article/on-many-campuses-hate-is-spelled-sjp/>.

⁵⁶ Hamas on Campus, *Radical Hatem Bazian calls for Intifada (armed uprising) in the USA!!*, YouTube (Mar. 23, 2015), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mfv5yaKxNgo>.

⁵⁷ Osama Abuirshaid, *The Dialectic of Religion and Politics in Hamas's Thought and Practice* (March 22, 2013) (Ph.D. thesis, Loughboro University).

⁵⁸ Osama Abuirshaid, “أغز متومقاً نويمكر بعـ” [Arabs are plotting the Gaza resistance], Al-Qassam (July 19, 2014), archived version available at <https://www.alqassam.ps/arabic/ - متومقاً نويمكر بعـ /4746 /قسطا متوقلا غز>.

⁵⁹ *Head of Palestinian American lobby group joins conference with terror-group members*, JEWISH NEWS SYNDICATE (Dec. 3, 2021), <https://www.jns.org/head-of-palestinian-american-lobby-group-joins-conference-with-terror-group-members/>.

⁶⁰ *Id.*; see also *Press Release, Treasury Targets Key Hamas Leaders and Financiers*, Department of Treasury (Nov. 19, 2024) (“[Nazzal] is a Hamas official who has provided support to the terrorist group for over 30 years. As a senior leader serving on Hamas’s Council on International Relations, Nazzal represents Hamas’s interests to a variety of international audiences.”), <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2720>.

Jihad, another FTO operating in Gaza.⁶¹ Abuirshaid believes his travels to Qatar, which housed Hamas' leadership under recently, have placed him on a U.S. government terror watch list.⁶²

57. In 2010, AMP organized and sponsored the first ever National Students for Justice in Palestine Convention at Columbia University to unite Students for Justice in Palestine ("SJP") chapters operating at different American colleges and universities.⁶³ At the convention, AMP announced the creation of NSJP—AMP's new on-campus program—designed to control the management, financing, and messaging of SJP Chapters across the country.⁶⁴

58. NSJP has no formal corporate structure of its own but operates as AMP's college campus brand. AMP maintains organizational management and control of NSJP, and in 2022, developed a new centralized approach that provides it with even more control over the affairs of individual SJP chapters.⁶⁵

59. Today, NSJP operates as an "umbrella organization" for American SJP chapters, which allows AMP to push unified propaganda, messaging, and tactics to be deployed by each of its subsidiary organizations while still maintaining the façade that SJP chapters are independent, student-operated campus clubs. In reality, with NSJP as its central control apparatus, AMP uses individual SJP chapters to serve as Hamas' propaganda agents across college campuses.

⁶¹ See @JSchanzer, X (formerly Twitter) (May 5, 2024, 10:04 AM), <https://x.com/JSchanzer/status/1787121140311171531>; Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Sami Al-Arian Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy To Provide Services To Palestinian Islamic Jihad (Apr. 17, 2006), https://www.justice.gov/archive/opa/pr/2006/April/06_crm_221.html.

⁶² *Abu Irshaid v. Garland*, No. 1:24-cv-01405 (Docs. 1 & 19) (E.D. Va. filed Aug. 12, 2024); Ohad Merlin, *Muslim Brotherhood vs. United States of America? FBI Sued Over Alleged Terror Lists*, JERUSALEM POST (Aug. 29, 2024) <https://www.jpost.com/international/israelic-terrorists/article-816997>.

⁶³ *Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)*, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (last visited Mar. 23, 2025), <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/students-justice-palestine-sjp>.

⁶⁴ Charles Asher Small et al., *Antisemitism Violent Extremism and the Threat to North American Universities: The Contextualization of the National Students for Justice in Palestine*, INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL ANTISEMITISM AND POLICY, at 12 (Oct. 2019) ("ISGAP 2019"), <https://isgap.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NSJP-2019-ISGAP-Report-Long-Version.pdf>.

⁶⁵ *You Cannot Profit Off Our People's Blood and Think Students Will Not Come For Your Money*, HAMMER & HOPE (Spring 2024), <https://hammerandhope.org/article/palestine-college-students>.

60. NSJP and its individual affiliated chapters operate through a network of encrypted messaging apps and email services often linked to international terrorism.⁶⁶ NSJP uses these secretive means to guide local chapters with core principles of anti-Zionism and “anti-normalization.”⁶⁷ Some chapters even use pseudonymous names to hide their NSJP affiliations.⁶⁸

61. AMP openly fosters, controls, and develops campus activism through NSJP. For example, a recent AMP annual conference featured a “Youth Program” that included an “SJP Workshop.” The conference also included the “Campus Activism Track”—a specific program for students—designed to increase “solidarity between SJP chapters.”⁶⁹

62. NSJP regularly (1) identifies itself as a supporter of, and sometimes even part of, Hamas and its affiliates’ movement; (2) disseminates instructions from Hamas and other FTOs; (3) hosts speakers that are Specially Designated Global Terrorists or affiliated with them; and (4) provides direct aid to the same.

63. In addition, on information and belief, AMP also controls certain media accounts for national JVP, an ostensibly Jewish organization that identifies itself as a “Partner” of AMP/NSJP.⁷⁰ AMP’s ultimate control of JVP and its individual chapters, like its control of NSJP and individual SJP Chapters, appears to go further than a “Partnership.” Indeed, upon information and belief, AMP has at least partial control over JVP and its individual chapters’ operations.

⁶⁶ Arno Rosenfeld, *The Secret History and Uncertain Future of Students for Justice in Palestine*, FORWARD (Dec. 20, 2023) <https://forward.com/news/574014/students-for-justice-in-palestine-history-operations-network-national-sjp/>; Robert Graham, *How Terrorists Use Encryption*, COMBATING TERRORISM CENTER (June 2016) <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/how-terrorists-use-encryption/>.

⁶⁷ Arno Rosenfeld, *The Secret History and Uncertain Future of Students for Justice in Palestine*, FORWARD (Dec. 20, 2023) <https://forward.com/news/574014/students-for-justice-in-palestine-history-operations-network-national-sjp/>.

⁶⁸ *Id.*

⁶⁹ See @cat_amp, Instagram (last visited May 25, 2025), https://www.instagram.com/cat_amp/;

⁷⁰ Jewish Voice for Peace (@jvplive), X (Feb. 7, 2013), <https://x.com/jvplive/status/299684288562081793>; *Jewish Voice for Peace and American Muslims for Palestine Respond to Islamophobic Personal Attacks*, JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE (Mar. 11, 2017) <https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/2017/05/11/jvp-amp-respond-islamophobic-pers.>; Dr. Hatem Bazian (@HatemBazian), X (May 12, 2023) (stating Bazian is “an ally an partner with Jewish Voice for Peace”), <https://x.com/HatemBazian/status/1657078082589835264>.

64. In controlling these campus organizations, AMP has three major goals: (1) normalize Hamas' terrorism in Western academia and society through the use of expert propaganda materials and threats of unlawful violent behavior; (2) recruit college students to support Hamas; and (3) establish an environment on American college campuses where Jews are *persona non grata* and violence against them is accepted, justified, and even lionized.

65. In short, AMP/NSJP are Hamas' current material support enterprise. They not only provide Hamas a public relations and propaganda division, but they also recruit foot soldiers to engage in direct acts of violence, destroy property, disrupt critical academic and economic centers, and generally incite fear and chaos in support of Hamas. The purpose of these actions is to (i) intimidate and coerce the American people to forsake Israel and support Hamas; (ii) influence United States policy through intimidation and coercion to shift away from Israel and toward Hamas; and (iii) to affect the conduct of the United States government. These activities are instrumental to Hamas' short and long-term goal of weakening Israel and allowing Hamas to engage in its acts of international terrorism with less resistance.

66. On information and belief, on April 8, 2023, Alwan attended a demonstration in New York City organized by AMP, where she held a banner bearing AMP's logo that stated, among other things, "American Muslims for Palestine NJ condemns the theft of Palestinian land."⁷¹ On information and belief, Jones also attended the April 8 demonstration organized by AMP.⁷²

⁷¹ YouTube, "Free Palestine Demonstration / Times Square, NYC 4.8.23," at 30:29, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRhgoC8iJLs&@amp_newjersey & @amp_palestine](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRhgoC8iJLs&@amp_newjersey+%26amp_palestine), INSTAGRAM (Apr. 9, 2023), https://www.instagram.com/p/Cq0oKTirCbw/?img_index=3.

⁷² YouTube, "Free Palestine Demonstration / Times Square, NYC 4.8.23," at 1:12, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRhgoC8iJLs&@amp_newjersey & @amp_palestine](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRhgoC8iJLs&@amp_newjersey+%26amp_palestine).

C. Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP

67. AMP/NSJP have been highly successful in achieving their goals in New York City and on the campus of Columbia University. This is largely because of the aggressive, militant approach taken by their local affiliates: Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP.

68. Columbia SJP provides AMP/NSJP with a presence on Columbia University's campus. For years, Columbia SJP has been one of the most active and aggressive NSJP campus affiliates in the nation. With AMP/NSJP's direction and support, Columbia SJP has hosted rallies, invited terrorists to campus, incited riots, spearheaded BDS campaigns, and intentionally designed its activities to intimidate Jewish students, faculty, and staff.

69. Columbia JVP, like Columbia SJP, has been one of the most active and aggressive national JVP campus affiliates in the nation. AMP/NSJP has at least some significant control over national JVP's messaging and operations. It is thus not surprising that Columbia JVP maintains a tight-knit relationship with Columbia SJP akin to the close relationship between their national partners, which—again—are controlled by AMP/NSJP. Indeed, Columbia JVP partners with Columbia SJP on most, if not all, of its most significant events supporting Hamas' cause.

70. Columbia JVP is a valuable tool to AMP/NSJP—and to Hamas—because it allows for dissemination of pro-Hamas propaganda through allegedly Jewish spokespersons, which helps shield against allegations of antisemitism.

71. One of the principal components of the partnership between Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP is their 2016 creation of CUAD. CUAD was initially founded by Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP to create a partnership of numerous on-campus student organizations to support the BDS movement against Israel. Though approximately 100 student organizations joined CUAD at

one point or another, the organization has, at all relevant times, been primarily controlled by the Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP.

72. While Columbia SJP, Columbia JVP, and CUAD provide AMP/NSJP with a significant force on Columbia's campus, Within Our Lifetime serves as AMP/NSJP's chief operating partner and ally throughout New York City as a whole.

73. Kiswani is a critical component of the AMP/NSJP ecosystem. In 2015, while enrolled at the City University of New York School of Law, she helped found New York City Students for Justice in Palestine. In 2018, Kiswani rebranded New York City Students for Justice in Palestine as Within Our Lifetime, allowing her to expand the organization beyond students and direct it to the city at large.

74. Within Our Lifetime, controlled by Kiswani, has, at all relevant times, affiliated itself with Hamas, its original material support enterprise, and AMP/NSJP, Hamas' current captive propaganda firm. Among many other things, Within Our Lifetime has, long before October 7, (i) incited violent riots in support of Hamas;⁷³ (ii) disseminated a "toolkit" for Hamas protests that parrots Hamas and AMP/NSJP chants and marketing materials such as "Globalize the Intifada!" and "From Water to Water! Palestine is Arab!"⁷⁴; (iii) dedicated substantial efforts to AMP/NSJP's pet projects, such as demanding the release of the "Holy Land 5" and Sami Al-Arian⁷⁵; and (iv) collaborates with Hamas-affiliated FTOs like the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine ("PFLP") and Samidoun.⁷⁶

⁷³ See, e.g., *Within Our Lifetime: The NYC Org Inciting its Activists to Violence*, CANARY MISSION (last May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/campaign/NYC_Antisemitic_Violence.

⁷⁴ *Within Our Lifetime*, CANARY MISSION (last visited May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/organization/Within_Our_Lifetime.

⁷⁵ *Why Within Our Lifetime Supports the 'Holy Land 5'*, CANARY MISSION (last visited May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/blog/Within_Our_Lifetime_Support_For_Holy_Land_Five.

⁷⁶ *Within Our Lifetime*, CANARY MISSION (last visited May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/organization/Within_Our_Lifetime.

75. On information and belief, on October 14, 2022, Alwan and Jones participated in a demonstration in Times Square organized by Within Our Lifetime.⁷⁷

76. The Associational Defendants' provision of propaganda and recruiting services for Hamas is especially valuable to Hamas because New York City is a dense urban center and an unparalleled hub for academia, economics, technology, media, entertainment, and the arts. It is also home to the world's largest Jewish population outside of Israel.

III. HAMAS' ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

A. *The October 7 Attack*

77. On October 7, 2023, Hamas—in collaboration with the IRGC, PFLP, and other terrorist organizations in Gaza—attacked Southern Israel. Hamas terrorists marched town to town, house to house, and car to car with the sole aim of causing as much death, pain, and destruction as possible. They brutalized, maimed, raped, and murdered entire families.⁷⁸ Much of Hamas' worst savagery was saved for women, children, infants, and the elderly.

78. Hamas also targeted the Nova Music Festival, where thousands of people—mostly in their teens and early twenties—were gathered to not just enjoy music, but to celebrate the pursuit of peace. Hamas terrorists, some using makeshift paragliders, a new tactic for Hamas, attacked the Nova Music Festival, murdering more than 260 innocent festival goers.⁷⁹

⁷⁷ YouTube, "The NYC Emergency Action for Palestine Hosted by @WOLPalestine Times Square 10/14/2022 @amidounPP," at 1:05, 32:07, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XXV501E9i8>; see also Instagram, luigiwmorris, https://www.instagram.com/p/Cjt-2FAOkBd/?img_index=4 (fourth image).

⁷⁸ David Gritten, *Israeli Report Says Hamas Sexual Violence 'Systematic and Intentional'*, BBC (Feb. 21, 2024), <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-68365284>; U.N. OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT, *Mission Report: Official Visit of the Office of the SRSG-SVC to Israel and the Occupied West Bank, 29 January – 14 February 2024* ¶ 12 (Mar. 4, 2024), <https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/report/mission-report-official-visit-of-the-office-of-the-srsg-svc-to-israel-and-the-occupied-west-bank-29-january-14-february-2024/20240304-Israel-oWB-CRSV-report.pdf>.

⁷⁹ *What Is Known About Israeli Hostages Taken by Hamas*, AM. JEWISH COMM. (Feb. 26, 2024), <https://www.ajc.org/news/what-is-known-about-israeli-hostages-taken-by-hamas>.

79. Hamas also kidnapped more than 200 civilians on October 7 and brought them back to Gaza as hostages. In Gaza, hostages were murdered, tortured, raped, maimed, and otherwise subjected to abhorrent conditions. As just one example, Hamas terrorists brutally murdered two babies they took hostage, Ariel Bibas (four years old) and Kfir Bibas (nine months old), with their bare hands.⁸⁰ Hamas also mutilated and desecrated many of the bodies of those whom they kidnapped and murdered.⁸¹

80. Hamas continues to hold hostage the bodies of those they have murdered. To this day, Hamas holds dozens of hostages, living and deceased. Hamas has refused and continues to refuse to release either living hostages or the remains of those they murdered unless Israel accedes to its political demands.⁸²

81. The victims of these unspeakable crimes include:

- a. Judith Lynne Weinstein Haggai and Gad Haggai, who were kidnapped and murdered by Hamas and whose bodies are still held hostage, and their daughter Iris Weinstein Haggai, who has suffered immeasurable mental and emotional distress over the crimes against her parents;
- b. Yonatan Samerano, who was murdered by Hamas and whose body is still held hostage, and his mother Ayelet Samerano, who has suffered immeasurable mental and emotional distress over the crimes against her son;

⁸⁰ “*In Cold Blood*”: Hamas Murdered Bibas Children with Bare Hands, Sent Unidentified Body in Place of Shiri Bibas, FOUNDATION FOR DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY (Feb. 21, 2025), <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/flash-briefs/2025/02/21/in-cold-blood-hamas-murdered-bibas-children-with-bare-hands-sent-unidentified-body-in-place-of-shiri-bibas/>.

⁸¹ *I Can’t Erase All the Blood From My Mind: Palestinian Armed Groups’ October 7 Assault on Israel*, Human Rights Watch (July 17, 2024), <https://www.hrw.org/report/2024/07/17/i-cant-erase-all-blood-my-mind/palestinian-armed-groups-october-7-assault-israel>; Emma Bubola *et al.*, *Shani Luk, Believed Kidnapped, Was Likely Dead When She Was Taken By Hamas, Family Says*, New York Times (Oct. 30, 2023) (“Maybe there can be comfort by the thought she died fast and the abuse to her body was perhaps done when she was already gone.”), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/30/world/middleeast/shani-louk-german-israel-woman-hamas-dead.html>.

⁸² See, e.g., *Hamas lays out terms for hostage release while health officials say Israeli strikes killed 9 in Gaza*, PBS NEWS (Mar. 15, 2025), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/hamas-lays-out-terms-for-hostage-release-while-health-officials-say-israeli-strikes-killed-9-in-gaza>.

- c. Ran Gvili, who was murdered by Hamas and whose body is still held hostage, and his mother Talik Gvili, who has suffered immeasurable mental and emotional distress over the crimes against her son;
- d. Uriel Baruch, who was murdered by Hamas and whose body is still held hostage, and his brother Roece Baruch, who has suffered immeasurable mental and emotional distress over the crimes against his brother;
- e. Shlomi Ziv, who was kidnapped and held hostage for 246 days until his recovery in a rescue operation; and
- f. Leo Poe, who was kidnapped by Hamas and remains a hostage to this day, and James Poe, who has suffered immeasurable mental and emotional distress over the crimes against his son.

B. Attacks on Israelis

82. Following October 7, Israel commenced military operations in Gaza, including air strikes and ground attacks. Hamas terrorists have engaged in countless attacks against Israeli forces.

83. As an FTO, Hamas is not a lawful military force and cannot engage in lawful acts of war. Every attack by Hamas is an individual act of international terrorism as well as part of the ongoing, continuing act of international terrorism that began on October 7.

84. Hamas continuously engaged in innumerable acts of international terrorism against innocent civilians, primarily by launching rockets at their homes and communities. These ongoing attacks force civilians to evacuate and, in some cases, abandon their homes, and seek safety in bomb shelters. These attacks cause widespread fear and panic.

85. Plaintiff John Doe was among those who fought Hamas in Gaza. Doe left his studies at Columbia Law School to serve in the Israeli military and spent 100 days fighting against Hamas. As a result of his combat experience, Doe suffered mental anguish, pain, and suffering. He continues to suffer from the effects of these injuries and continues to suffer ongoing mental and emotional trauma.

86. Plaintiff Richard Roe paused his studies at Columbia University to serve with the IDF following October 7. Within 24 hours of landing in Israel, he was deployed to the Gaza Envelope, where he was repeatedly shot at by Hamas terrorists. As a result of his combat experience, Roe suffered mental anguish, pain, and suffering. He continues to suffer from the effects of these injuries and continues to suffer ongoing mental and emotional trauma.

87. On October 7, the younger brother of Plaintiff Jane Moe, a Columbia student, was deployed to Gaza, where he fought against Hamas for over a year and sustained injuries in battle. As a result, Moe has experienced severe emotional distress, exacerbated by the demonstrations on Columbia's campus that glorified the terrorists who had harmed her brother.

88. Each of the crimes above is an individual act of international terrorism. And viewed collectively, all the foregoing conduct, commencing on October 7 and lasting through today, constitutes a continuous act of international terrorism.

89. These acts of international terrorism were intended to prevent Israel from normalizing its relationships with its Arab neighbors. Hamas and its puppet master, the IRGC, are threatened by the success of the Abraham Accords, a landmark peace deal between Israel and several of its Arab neighbors, including for example the United Arab Emirates, negotiated and finalized during the first Trump administration. Shortly before the events of October 7, it became apparent that Israel was preparing to normalize relations with Saudi Arabia, arguably the single most diplomatically relevant Arab nation and Iran's chief geopolitical foe. Indeed, Hamas has expressly admitted that its attack was designed to "land[] a blow to the normalization [of relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors]. What happened before will not be the same after this operation. This was one of the operation's goals."⁸³

⁸³ Velina Tchakarova (@vtchakarova), X (Oct. 21, 2023, 7:36 AM), <https://x.com/vtchakarova/status/1715693654197579867>; see also Marcus Walker and Summer Said, *Hamas*

IV. HAMAS' CALL TO ACTION

90. Within hours of its October 7 attack, Hamas issued a call for mass mobilization of its “resistance abroad” to “join the battle in any way they can.”⁸⁴ Indeed, “within hours of its attack on October 7, Hamas’ Qatar-based politburo web operatives flipped the switch on a slickly produced global social media disinformation campaign calculated to trigger an outpouring of pro-Palestinian/anti-Israel sentiment across global social media platforms to amplify (and justify) Hamas’ terror.”⁸⁵ Khaled Mashal—who founded IAP, AMP/NSJP’s predecessor in Hamas’ American material support enterprise—headed this campaign and told Hamas’ global supporters that they should be “part of this battle.”⁸⁶

The initial disinformation flood was in Arabic directed at Arab social media sites to create sympathy for Hamas for its ‘defense’ of Jerusalem’s Muslim holy places and its ‘justified’ struggle to free Palestinian prisoners jailed in Israel. But its second phase unleashed tens of thousands of fake disinfo[rmination] bots in other languages to push the Hamas anti-Israel/antisemitic narrative.⁸⁷

91. Hamas has issued express guidelines detailing how its propagandists should “play their part in strengthening the home front and in properly conveying information worldwide.”⁸⁸ Indeed, in the wake of October 7, a pro-Hamas manifesto titled “Our Narrative” was released.

Wanted to Torpedo Israel-Saudi Deal with Oct. 7 Attacks, Documents Reveal, WALL STREET JOURNAL (May 18, 2025).

⁸⁴ *Al-Jazeera Airs Hamas Leader Ismail Haniyeh’s Statement On Hamas’s Invasion Of Southern Israel: I Call On Palestinians In The West Bank, Israeli Arabs, And The Entire Nation Abroad To Join The Battle; To The Enemy I Say: Get Out Of Our Land!*, MEMRI TV (Oct. 7, 2023), <https://www.memri.org/tv/hamas-leader-ismail-haniyeh-statement-jazeera-operation-aqsa-deluge-palestinians-west-bank-israel-abroad-join-battle>.

⁸⁵ COALITION FOR A SAFER WEB, THE HAMAS “INFLUENCER” INTIFADA (NOV. 16, 2023) (“CSW Report”), <https://coalitionsw.org/the-hamas-influencer-intifada/>.

⁸⁶ *Former Hamas Leader Khaled Mashal Calls For ‘Friday Of The Al-Aqsa Flood’: Muslims Should Take To The Streets Worldwide, Join The Battle; The West, America, Zionists Will See Convoys Of Mujahideen On Their Way To Palestine*, MEMRI TV (Oct. 10, 2023), <https://www.memri.org/tv/fmr-hamas-leader-calls-muslims-world-join-battle-palestine>.

⁸⁷ COALITION FOR A SAFER WEB, THE HAMAS “INFLUENCER” INTIFADA (NOV. 16, 2023) (“CSW Report”), <https://coalitionsw.org/the-hamas-influencer-intifada/>.

⁸⁸ IDF Editorial Team, *Hamas Social Media Rules: Describe Terrorists as Innocent Civilians*, ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (July 21, 2014), <https://www.idf.il/en/mini-sites/the-hamas-terrorist-organization/hamas-social-media-rules-describe-terrorists-as-innocent-civilians/>.

Bearing a logo reading “ Hamas Media Office,” the “ Our Narrative” document provides Hamas’ propaganda network with precise analyses for how to spin the story and was, on information and belief, created by or in coordination with Hamas.⁸⁹

92. The Associational Defendants not only obtained and disseminated Hamas’ “ Our Narrative” propaganda document, but painstakingly followed it. In doing so, they directly responded to, and followed orders from, Hamas, an FTO.

V. THE NSJP TOOLKIT

93. On October 8, 2023, in direct response to Hamas’ “ call for mass mobilization,” AMP/NSJP disseminated the NSJP Toolkit to its chapters and affiliates, including upon information and belief Columbia SJP, Columbia JVP, and Within Our Lifetime.⁹⁰

94. The NSJP Toolkit uses the euphemism “ the resistance” and similar phrases to refer to Hamas and the other terror organizations working under its command:

Referred to as Operation *Towfan Al-Aqsa* (Al-Aqsa Flood), the resistance has taken occupation soldiers hostage, fired thousands of rockets, taken over Israeli military vehicles, and gained control over illegal Israeli settlements. In the West Bank, the Palestinian resistance has called for collective action by the Palestinian masses amidst attempts by the Zionist entity to lock-up the West Bank.

...

Today, we witness a historic win for the Palestinian resistance: across land, air, and sea, our people have broken down the artificial barriers of the Zionist entity . . . As the Palestinian student movement, we have an unshakable responsibility to join the call for mass mobilization.⁹¹

95. The NSJP Toolkit demands that its members, allies, and affiliates “ not only support, but *struggle alongside our people back home ... and above all normalize and support our*

⁸⁹ *Our Narrative ... Operation Al-Aqsa Flood*, HAMAS MEDIA OFFICE, as published by the Palestine Chronicle: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/PDF.pdf>.

⁹⁰ The NSJP Toolkit is attached as Exhibit 1.

⁹¹ *Id.* at 1.

fearless resistance.”⁹² To do so, AMP/NSJP demand that their followers “normalize the resistance”— Hamas—by arguing that

*Liberation is not an abstract concept. . . . [L]iberating colonized land is a real process that requires confrontation by **any means necessary**. In essence, decolonization is a **call to action** . . . It calls upon **us** to engage in meaningful actions that go beyond symbolism and rhetoric. Resistance comes in all forms—**armed struggle**, general strikes, and popular demonstrations. **All of it is legitimate, and all of it is necessary.*** (emphases added) ⁹³

96. The NSJP Toolkit urges AMP/NSJP to provide “*real*” support to Hamas and their allies not just through arguments and rhetoric, but also through “confrontation” that can include, among other things, “armed struggle” and violence.

97. Then, AMP/NSJP describes the existence of a “Unity Intifada” that is “cross-factional” and operating “under unified command” in Gaza; the only entity operating any resemblance of a “unified command” of terrorist organizations in Gaza is Hamas.⁹⁴

98. Rather than describe themselves as supportive of, affiliated with, or spiritually connected to Hamas’ Unity Intifada, AMP/NSJP identify themselves as “***PART of this movement [Hamas’ Unity Intifada], not in solidarity with this movement.***”⁹⁵

99. Next, the NSJP Toolkit provides its chapters with graphics and marketing materials to advertise the “Day of Resistance” and other events. These graphics include, among many other violent images, artistic renderings of Hamas paragliders, which Hamas used for the first time on October 7 to infiltrate Israel and murder innocent civilians at the Nova Music Festival.⁹⁶

⁹² *Id.*

⁹³ *Id.* at 4; see also Sheera Frenkel & Steven Lee Myers, *Antisemitic and Anti-Muslim Hate Surges Across the Internet*, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 15, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/15/technology/hate-speech-israel-gaza-internet.html>.

⁹⁴ Ex. 1, at 4.

⁹⁵ *Id.*

⁹⁶ *Id.* at 5; Gareth Jennings, *Hamas Uses Paragliders to Breach Israeli Border*, JAMES (Oct. 9, 2023) (“Videos posted online showed multiple powered paragliders being used in the attack, in what was not just a first for Hamas and the wider Palestinian movement, but also the first known military use of such aircraft globally.”),



100. Lastly, AMP/NSJP directed their chapters to endorse the “Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement.”⁹⁷ “Towfan Al-Aqsa” (“Al-Aqsa Flood”) was the codename for Hamas’ October 7 attack. The Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement was drafted by NSJP’s University of California at Berkeley chapter, Bears for Palestine, “as a chapter of the united coalition of Students for Justice in Palestine.”⁹⁸ It demands that SJP chapters pledge loyalty to the cause and declare their “unwavering support of the resistance in Gaza [Hamas].”⁹⁹

<https://www.janes.com/osint-insights/defence-news/air/hamas-uses-paragliders-to-breach-israeli-border>; Steve Trimble, *Hamas Paragliders Join Surprise Assault on Israel*, Aviation Week Network (Oct. 7, 2023) (“Hamas fighters breached Israel’s southern border from the Gaza Strip using powered paragliders for the first time on Oct. 7 as part of a widespread, surprise invasion and barrage of unguided rocket attacks.”), <https://aviationweek.com/defense/budget-policy-operations/hamas-paragliders-join-surprise-assault-israel#:~:text=Hamas%20fighters%20breached%20Israel%E2%80%99s%20southern,declaring%20a%20state%20of%20war.>

⁹⁷ The Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement is attached as **Exhibit 2**.

⁹⁸ *Id.*

⁹⁹ *Id.*

101. The Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement declares support for the signatories’ “comrades in blood and arms”—a phrase from an FTO-affiliated Telegram channel called “Resistance News Network”—intended to refer to Hamas and its affiliates.¹⁰⁰ The Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement closes:

We support the resistance [Hamas], we support the liberation movement, and we indisputably support the Uprising.

Gaza is the cradle of our resistance and the lifeblood of our struggle. . . . From the River to the Sea, we will come to support resistance [Hamas] until we are able to return home to a unified Palestine. Glory to Palestine, glory to the resistance [Hamas], and glory to our martyrs.¹⁰¹

102. On information and belief, AMP/NSJP distributed the NSJP Toolkit to the Associational Defendants. The bases for that belief include the close connections among AMP/NSJP and Associational Defendants detailed above. More than that, the Associational Defendants promptly enacted the Toolkit to the letter.

103. As directed by the NSJP Toolkit, Columbia SJP signed the Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement “in unison” with NSJP and Bears for Palestine. A note at the bottom of the Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement confirms that the document was disseminated, drafted, and “signed in unison” by 83 signatories, including Columbia SJP, by October 7, 2023, at 3:00pm PST.¹⁰²

104. On information and belief, Associational Defendants had prior knowledge of the October 7 attack. The bases for that belief include the timing of the NSJP Toolkit’s distribution and the signing of the Towfan Al-Aqsa Statement. The bases also include the Toolkit’s inclusion of paraglider graphics. And as to Columbia SJP, the bases also include a highly suggestive social media post. Although the precise timing is uncertain, Columbia SJP posted on Instagram “We are

¹⁰⁰ *Id.* The Resistance News Network Telegram Chat is attached as **Exhibit 3**. Telegram is a communications platform with social media, direct messaging, and chatroom capabilities.

¹⁰¹ Ex. 2.

¹⁰² *Id.* (“Note: As of post October 7, 2023 at 3pm PST, if you/your organization wishes to sign on, please use this link to record your organization’s name as wished to appear in the signature list, and we will manually add it to the growing list. Thank you for your support and solidarity.”).

back!!” a short time before the October 7 attack began. It also stated that its first meeting of the semester would be announced soon, even though the semester had started over a month ago, and that viewers should “Say tuned.” Before the post, Columbia SJP’s Instagram account had been dormant for months. As noted above, *see supra* ¶ 29, Columbia SJP’s Instagram account was permanently deleted around August 26, 2024.

105. Like Columbia SJP, Within Our Lifetime promptly answered Hamas’ call. It issued a statement on October 7 that it “support[s] Palestinian resistance in all its forms. By any means necessary. With no exceptions and no fine print.”¹⁰³ Contemporaneously, before the NSJP Toolkit was even released, Kiswani, on behalf of Within Our Lifetime, called for an “Emergency Rally for Gaza” using the marketing materials that would not be released until the next day.¹⁰⁴



NSJP Toolkit

¹⁰³ *Who Are the Primary Groups Behind the U.S. Anti-Israel Rallies?*, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (last visited May 25, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/International/hamas-day-rage-protests-break-middle-east/story?id=103955873>.

¹⁰⁴ Within Our Lifetime collaborated with Samidoun on the event. Samidoun was, at the time, identified by several other nations as a terrorist organization. The United States labeled Samidoun a terrorist organization on October 15, 2024. *United States and Canada Target Key International Fundraiser for Foreign Terrorist Organization PFLP*, U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY (Oct. 15, 2024), <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2646>.



Kiswani/ Within Our Lifetime Post – October 7, 2023

VI. THE ASSOCIATIONAL DEFENDANTS ENACT THE NSJP TOOLKIT

106. After receiving the NSJP Toolkit, the Associational Defendants promptly leapt into action to knowingly assist Hamas with the provision of pro-Hamas propaganda.

107. These actions, as described below, substantially assisted Hamas in its ability to engage in its post-October 7 acts of international terrorism by disseminating propaganda and espousing a worldview to an impressionable Western audience that may not understand the evil of Hamas and its intentions or recognize lies about the State of Israel.

A. The Fall 2023 Semester

108. Immediately after its October 7 attack, Hamas called on its supporters to join in a “Day of Rage” scheduled for the next week.¹⁰⁵ In the NSJP Toolkit, AMP/NSJP called on their supporters to join in a “Day of Resistance” on the same day.¹⁰⁶

109. Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP began promoting their “Day of Resistance” and Within Our Lifetime began promoting its “Day of Rage”¹⁰⁷ across New York City and on Columbia’s campus. These Days of Rage events, coordinated by Columbia SJP and Within Our Lifetime, have continued unabated.¹⁰⁸ The advertisements for these events included clear references to many materials that were, on information and belief, produced and provided by AMP/NSJP and even Hamas itself.

110. Even before the Day of Rage/Resistance, its mere announcement had its intended effect. Jewish Day Schools and other Jewish institutions throughout the United States, including in New York City, shut their doors and New York City government, recognizing a legitimate potential threat to these institutions, emphasized that it would fully mobilize law enforcement to ensure the safety and security of Jewish New Yorkers.¹⁰⁹ The threat from the Day of Rage/Resistance even forced Columbia University—a non-Jewish institution—to close its campus

¹⁰⁵ Meredith Deliso, *Hamas ‘Day of Rage’ Protests Break Out in Middle East and Beyond*, ABC NEWS (Oct. 13, 2023), <https://abcnews.go.com/International/hamas-day-rage-protests-break-middle-east/story?id=103955873>.

¹⁰⁶ Ex. 1.

¹⁰⁷ Within Our Lifetime has used the “Day of Rage” language that Hamas uses since before October 7. *See, e.g.*, Within Our Lifetime (@WOLPalestine), X (Oct. 13, 2022, 2:27 PM).

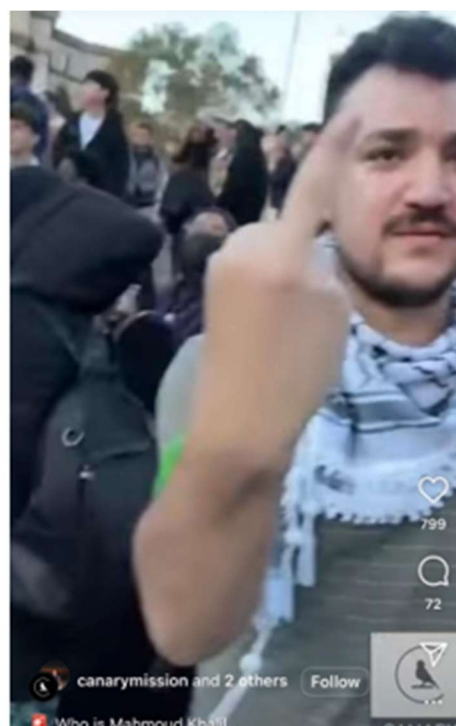
¹⁰⁸ National Students for Justice in Palestine (@NationalSJP), X, (May 6, 2024, 12:23 AM), <https://x.com/NationalSJP/status/1787337411946561692>; Documenting Jew Hatred on Campus at Columbia U (@CampusJewHate), X, (June 9, 2024, 11:19 AM), <https://x.com/CampusJewHate/status/1799823595910127850>.

¹⁰⁹ Haley Cohen *et al.*, *Jewish Institutions on Edge After Hamas Call for Worldwide ‘Day of Rage’*, JEWISH INSIDER (Oct. 13, 2023), <https://jewishinsider.com/2023/10/hamas-day-of-rage-jewish-schools-synagogues-u-s/>.

as a safety precaution.¹¹⁰ Jewish students at Columbia University and Barnard College were advised to lock their doors and remain inside for their own safety.¹¹¹

111. On October 9, 2023, Columbia SJP issued its own separate statement of “full solidarity” with the “Resistance” (Hamas).¹¹²

112. Columbia SJP and Within Our Lifetime’s Day of Rage/Resistance events were filled with the exact sort of hateful, violent rhetoric that Hamas and AMP/NSJP demanded.¹¹³ Khalil led Columbia SJP’s Day of Resistance.¹¹⁴



¹¹⁰ Jocelyn Gecker, et al., *The Israel-Hamas War Has Roiled US Campuses. Students on Each Side Say Colleges Aren't Doing Enough*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Oct. 15, 2023), <https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-war-college-free-speech-543aff623d5f54ad6529fe598ae48271>.

¹¹¹ <https://www.facebook.com/cbhilll/posts/pfbid02rvwDFCdGb9VNFuccUr5mCphhHm7dDwthBAkf43VpFn5ALTW9499erbcq3wQMYvsl>.

¹¹² Eden Yadegar, *Written Testimony Before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Education & the Workforce “Roundtable with Jewish Students Impacted by Antisemitism”*, at 5 (Feb. 29, 2024).

¹¹³ *US Campuses in Uproar as Israel-Palestine Conflict Exposes Divide*, THE GUARDIAN (Oct. 13, 2023), <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/13/us-campuses-in-uproar-as-israel-palestine-conflict-exposes-divide>

¹¹⁴ Canary Mission (@CanaryMission), X (Mar. 13, 2025, 11:16 AM), <https://x.com/canarymission/status/1900204396681535501>.

113. Alwan took part in similar events on October 12 and October 25.¹¹⁵ According to Alwan, at the October 25 event, she “personally tried to hand VP Rosberg a handout with our four demands, chants, and a barcode to call representatives for a ceasefire”¹¹⁶

114. On October 29, 2023, Hamas applauded and celebrated “the masses who demonstrated in American cities and Western capitals in solidarity with Gaza,” many of which were orchestrated by Associational Defendants.¹¹⁷ Hamas also called on its followers to “continue their movement in solidarity with the Gaza Strip and in support of the justice of our national cause, and to escalate all forms of popular pressure.”

115. On October 30, 2023, Hamas, the PFLP, and several other FTOs put out a new call for the “masses of our people throughout occupied Palestine to escalate all forms of resistance and struggle against the Zionist enemy, targeting its soldiers and settlers.”¹¹⁸ At the same time, they addressed their supporters abroad and called for “the free people of the world to continue their movements to stop the American-Zionist aggression.”¹¹⁹

116. The next day, NSJP responded by advertising a “Week of Action for Gaza.” Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP participated in the Week of Action for Gaza.¹²⁰

117. On November 5, 2023, PFLP, a Hamas-affiliated FTO, called on supporters “to continue the unprecedented mass mobilizations in the capitals and cities of the world, especially

¹¹⁵ Alwan Aff. ¶ 29.

¹¹⁶ *Id.*

¹¹⁷ Mario Nawfal (@MarioNawfal), X (formerly Twitter) (Oct. 29, 2023, 2:06 PM), <https://twitter.com/MarioNawfal/status/1718690673749103082>.

¹¹⁸ *Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement), Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command, Palestinian joint statement: ‘Escalate all forms of resistance,’ International Action Center*, INTERNATIONAL ACTION CENTER (Oct. 30, 2023) <https://iactcenter.org/2023/10/31/palestinian-joint-statement-escalate-all-forms-of-resistance/>.

¹¹⁹ *Id.*

¹²⁰ National SJP (@nationalsjp), INSTAGRAM (OCT. 31, 2023), https://www.instagram.com/p/CzENKGiLKdO/?img_index=1.

in the United States, Britain, France and Berlin These have proven their effectiveness and strong impact, and what we are witnessing of changes in the official Western discourse indicates the strength and impact of this pressure and confirms that we are facing important transformations in public opinion.”¹²¹

118. The same day, AMP/NSJP announced a “Shut it Down for Palestine” campaign scheduled to begin on November 9, 2023. Columbia SJP, Columbia JVP, and CUAD organized a “Shut it Down for Palestine” event.¹²² Columbia SJP advertised the campaign and the event on its Instagram account, directing students to gather at Columbia’s Low Library. Columbia JVP likewise promoted the event on its Instagram account.¹²³

119. The “Shut it Down for Palestine” event descended into—as planned—antisemitic and vitriolic hatred and threats. At the rally, speakers shouted for “Death to Jews!” and other hateful rhetoric; they also encouraged Hamas and AMP/NSJP’s “comrades” across Columbia’s campus to hunt down and attack pro-Israel Columbia students.

120. Alwan and Jones both attended “Shut It Down for Palestine.”¹²⁴ As Alwan describes it, she and the other attendees chanted slogans including “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.”¹²⁵

121. Alwan claims that “aspects of the protest . . . reminded us of the ongoing surveillance and resistance by the administration to our advocacy efforts.” As an example of the

¹²¹ Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, *Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine: ‘We are on the threshold of achieving a historic victory,’* INTERNATIONAL ACTION CENTER (released on Nov. 5, 2024), <https://iacenter.org/2023/11/10/popular-front-for-the-liberation-of-palestine-we-are-on-the-threshold-of-achieving-a-historic-victory/>.

¹²² Columbia Law Coalition for a Free Palestine (@clsforfreepalestine), INSTAGRAM (Nov. 9, 2023) (reposting flyer created by CUAD), <https://www.instagram.com/clsforfreepalestine/p/CzalpLGgyTZ/?locale=nl&hl=ar>; Jones Aff. ¶ 19.

¹²³ Jones Aff. ¶ 19.

¹²⁴ Alwan Aff. ¶¶ 18–29; *see also* Exhibit B to Alwan Aff. (Nov. 8, 2023 email Alwan received from university administrators regarding the “upcoming ‘Shut It Down’ event”) (NYSCEF No. 5); Jones. Aff. ¶¶ 28–29.

¹²⁵ Alwan Aff. ¶ 26.

administration’s supposed “resistance,” Alwan cites observing VP Rosberg “standing with a group of counter-protestors who were holding a poster saying ‘no ceasefire until the hostages are returned and hamas is destroyed’ with his arms crossed, as I had seen him doing at every other protest prior.”¹²⁶

122. Alwan found the event “cathartic” and Jones found it “impactful.”¹²⁷

123. The next day, November 10, 2023, Columbia suspended Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP for, among other things, “threatening rhetoric and intimidation.”¹²⁸ Within Our Lifetime responded by calling for an “an emergency protest” against the “suspension of SJP & JVP.”¹²⁹

124. Despite their suspension, Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP continue to lead CUAD and operate under its name.¹³⁰ Khalil and former members and/or organizers of Columbia SJP became leaders of CUAD. Over 80 of CUAD signatory chapters have continued with the CUAD Coalition to allow Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP to continue operating despite their suspension.¹³¹

125. CUAD first posted to Instagram on November 27, 2023, just two weeks after Columbia SJP was suspended. While Columbia SJP continued to hold unsanctioned events and rally its supporters through social media, CUAD became Columbia SJP’s new mouthpiece to spout

¹²⁶ Alwan Aff. ¶ 29.

¹²⁷ *Id.*; Jones Aff. ¶ 29.

¹²⁸ Statement from Gerald Rosberg, Chair of the Special Committee on Campus Safety, COLUMBIA NEWS (Nov. 20, 2023), <https://news.columbia.edu/news/statement-gerald-rosberg-chair-special-committee-campus-safety>.

¹²⁹ Within Our Lifetime (@WOLPalestine), X (Nov. 13, 2023), <https://x.com/WOLPalestine/status/1724142788902543746>.

¹³⁰ Luke Tress, *Columbia Student Group Retracts Apology of Member Who Said ‘Zionists Deserve to Die,’* THE TIMES OF ISRAEL (Oct. 9, 2024), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/columbia-student-group-retracts-apology-of-member-who-said-zionists-deserve-to-die/>.

¹³¹ Chris Mendell and Gelila Negesse, *Over 80 Student Groups Form Coalition Following Suspension of SJP, JVP,* COLUMBIA SPECTATOR, (Dec. 6, 2024), <https://www.columbiaspectator.com/news/2023/11/29/over-80-student-groups-form-coalition-following-suspension-of-sjp-jvp/>.

Hamas propaganda. Along with Within Our Lifetime, CUAD became the primary organizer of the violent and antisemitic protests that would foment terror, sow discord, and disrupt campus life at Columbia for over a year.

126. When this transition occurred, CUAD expressed the same affiliation and fealty to AMP/NSJP that had previously been exhibited by Columbia SJP. CUAD began sending representatives to NSJP events.

127. On December 10, 2023, Hamas announced that “We commend the global movement advocating for a comprehensive strike, tomorrow, Monday, December 11, 2023. We invite all the free people of the world to participate widely in it We also call for the continuation and escalation of all forms of mass marches and public demonstrations, in cities, capitals, and squares around the world, condemning the American support”¹³² That day, NSJP posted a call for its followers to participate in a global strike for Palestine on December 11, 2023—just like Hamas had asked them to.¹³³ Columbia SJP and Columbia JVP similarly heeded Hamas’ call and, despite their suspension from campus, organized a rally in front of Barnard and in front of Low Library.¹³⁴

128. Throughout the rest of the Fall 2023 Semester, the Associational Defendants consistently followed the orders of Hamas.

B. The Spring 2024 Semester: Escalation

¹³² Hamas, *Monday, Dec. 11 global #StrikeForGaza*, INTERNATIONAL ACTION CENTER (Dec. 10, 2023), <https://iacenter.org/2023/12/10/monday-dec-11-global-strikeforgaza/>.

¹³³ National SJP (@nationalsjp), INSTAGRAM, <https://www.instagram.com/nationalsjp/p/C0sKjv1O0o-/> (last visited May 25, 2025).

¹³⁴ Chris Mendell, *SJP and JVP Protest on Barnard’s Campus to Demand Permanent Ceasefire*, COLUMBIA SPECTATOR (Dec. 12, 2023), <https://www.columbiaspectator.com/news/2023/12/11/sjp-and-jvp-protest-on-barnards-campus-to-demand-permanent-ceasefire/>; *Columbia SJP*, CANARY MISSION (last visited May 25, 2025), https://canarymission.org/chapter/Columbia_SJP.

129. On January 21, 2024, Khaled Mashal—a senior Hamas leader and the founder of IAP, AMP/NSJP’s predecessor—drew parallels between Hamas’s goals and the work of American student groups like CUAD, Columbia SJP, and Columbia JVP. He reportedly stated:

Obviously, the position of Hamas, and the position of the vast majority of the Palestinian people, especially following October 7, I believe that the dream and the hope for Palestine from the River to the Sea, and from the north to the south, has been renewed. This has also become a slogan chanted in the U.S., and in western capital cities, by the American and Western public.

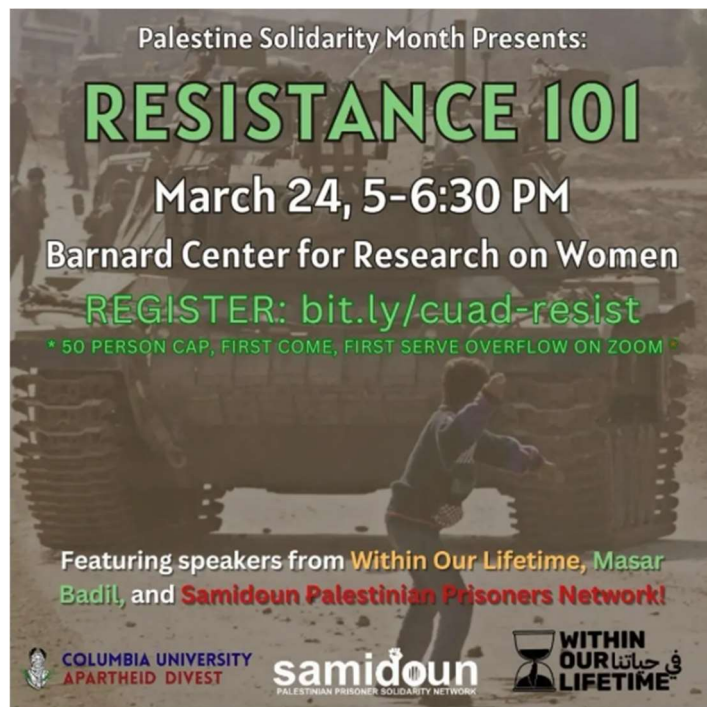
[* * *]

“Palestine from the River to the Sea”—that’s the slogan of American students, and the [students] in European capital cities. Our Palestinian enterprise, on which there is almost a Palestinian national consensus¹³⁵

In other words, Hamas acknowledged that the assistance that AMP/NSJP and the Associational Defendants knowingly provided to Hamas was substantial in aiding Hamas to continue its acts of international terrorism in pursuit of destroying the State of Israel.

130. With this backdrop, Defendants escalated their conduct, hosting individuals affiliated with sanctioned terrorist groups on campus. On March 24, 2024, CUAD, Within Our Lifetime, and Samidoun (which would be designated an FTO approximately six months later) hosted an event called “Resistance 101.”

¹³⁵ *Hamas Leader Abroad Khaled Mashal: ‘We Reject The Two-State Solution; October 7 Proved That Liberating Palestine From The River To The Sea Is Realistic And Has Already Begun’*, MEMRI TV (Jan. 22, 2024), <https://www.memri.org/reports/hamas-leader-abroad-khaled-mashal-we-reject-two-state-solution-october-7-proved-liberating>.



131. Though Columbia barred the event from taking place, CUAD and Within Our Lifetime proceeded with it anyway. Kiswani herself appeared at Resistance 101 in person while the other panelists appeared by video conference. The speakers included (i) Khaled Barakat, a PFLP terrorist;¹³⁶ (ii) Charlotte Kates, Barakat’s wife and a leader of Samidoun;¹³⁷ and (iii) Sean Eren, a member of the NSJP Steering Committee.

132. Eren, speaking on behalf of NSJP, lamented that he and his friends must worry about being jailed if they so much as contact members of Hamas, and that the threat of this constantly looms before them.

133. Barakat told the Associational Defendants, that when he speaks with his *“friends and brothers in Hamas, the PIJ, the PFLP,”* they stress the importance of the American support of the “resistance” (i.e. Hamas and its allies). *“Every demonstration in New York matters for*

¹³⁶ Khaled Barakat, CANARY MISSION, (last visited Mar. 23, 2025), https://canarymission.org/individual/Khaled_Barakat.

¹³⁷ Charlotte Kates, CANARY MISSION, (last visited Mar. 23, 2025), https://canarymission.org/individual/Charlotte_Kates.

Gaza.”¹³⁸ Barakat told the group, led by Associational Defendants—per his “friends and brothers” in Hamas, the PFLP, and others—that every demonstration American students do matters and that such “work” is more important than ever.

134. Kates explained that it was important for everyone to support Hamas because Hamas terrorists took the necessary actions (*i.e.*, raping, murdering, dismembering, and kidnapping innocent men, women, and children) to liberate Palestine. In the words of Kates, “There is nothing wrong with being a member of Hamas, being a leader of Hamas, being a fighter in Hamas, these are the people that are on the front lines defending Palestine and fighting for its liberation.” Kates encouraged the audience to fight alongside Hamas.

135. On information and belief, Alwan and Jones attended or were otherwise involved in “Resistance 101.”¹³⁹ Columbia reportedly suspended, at least temporarily, both Alwan and Jones for their involvement in the event.¹⁴⁰

136. Six days later, on March 30, 2024, Barakat gave another interview with Al-Manat TV (Hizbullah-Lebanon) in which he explained that the protesters in the West, with their chants to “Free Palestine from the River to the Sea,” are providing popular, political, and media support for the armed resistance.¹⁴¹

¹³⁸ Alex Oliveira, *Columbia Suspends Students for ‘Resistance 101’ Where Guest Speaker Had Alleged Ties to Terror Group: Reports*, NEW YORK POST (Apr. 7, 2024) <https://nypost.com/2024/04/07/us-news/columbia-suspends-students-for-resistance-101-where-guest-speaker-had-alleged-ties-to-terror-group-reports/>.

¹³⁹ Isabel Vincent and Dana Kennedy, *Pro-Terror Radical Launched 2-Hour Anti-Israel Tirade at Columbia University Event Weeks Before Protests Exploded: ‘Nothing Wrong with Being a Hamas Fighter’*, NEW YORK POST (Apr. 24, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/04/24/us-news/palestinian-radical-at-columbia-nothing-wrong-with-hamas/>.

¹⁴⁰ *Id.*; Sarah Huddleston, et al., *Four Columbia Students Suspended, Evicted from University Housing Following Unauthorized ‘Resistance 101’ Event*, COLUMBIA SPECTATOR (Apr. 5, 2024), <https://www.columbiaspectator.com/news/2024/04/04/four-columbia-students-suspended-evicted-from-university-housing-following-unauthorized-resistance-101-event/>.

¹⁴¹ *Canada-Based Former Senior PFLP Official Khaled Barakat On Hizbullah TV: American And Canadian Protesters Support Armed Resistance, Elimination Of Israel; BDS Serves The Armed Resistance, But Cannot Substitute It*, MEMRI TV (Apr. 5, 2024), <https://www.memri.org/reports/canada-based-former-senior-pflp-official-khaled-barakat-hizbullah-tv-american-and-canadian>.

C. The Gaza Solidarity Encampment

137. Against the backdrop of the severe disruptions describe above, the U.S. House of Representatives subpoenaed Columbia administrators to testify regarding virulent campus antisemitism. The testimony was scheduled for April 17, 2024.

138. On the day of testimony, Associational Defendants launched the so-called “Gaza Solidarity Encampment” (“Encampment”). The Encampment was designed to disrupt campus activities, terrorize Jewish students, and prevent them from fully accessing campus, unless they disavowed any allegiance to Israel. Another goal of the Encampment was to encourage other AMP/NSJP affiliates to similarly takeover their own campuses and sow chaos in support of Hamas.¹⁴²

139. The Encampment was well-supplied with identical tents, toiletries, food, and professional signage.

140. While Plaintiff Shlomi Ziv was held hostage, his Hamas captors showed him a news report with stories and pictures of the Columbia protests and the Encampment. With the news report on, his captors told him, “You see we have our own people everywhere.” They then told him that Hamas has an “army” operating out of Gaza that focuses specifically on media and sending Hamas propaganda and messaging throughout America and all around the world.

141. The Encampment was not a spontaneous act of civil disobedience. The Associational Defendants acted as Hamas’ foot soldiers in New York City and on Columbia’s campus and enacted Hamas and AMP/NSJP’s plan to disrupt Columbia’s operations to assist Hamas.

¹⁴² Kanishka Singh, *Over 100 pro-Palestinian protesters arrested from New York’s Columbia campus*, REUTERS (Apr. 19, 2024), <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/over-100-pro-palestinian-protesters-arrested-new-yorks-columbia-campus-2024-04-19/>.

142. Columbia tried to end the Encampment. Khalil acted as the Encampment's lead negotiator.¹⁴³



143. On April 18, 2024, Within Our Lifetime directed non-students to descend on the Encampment and show their support. This forced Columbia to ask the New York Police Department to enter campus and clear the Encampment. The NYPD arrested more than 100 pro-Hamas activists.¹⁴⁴ Alwan was among those arrested at the Encampment.¹⁴⁵

144. Meanwhile, Within Our Lifetime continued its regular riots and calls for indiscriminate violence against civilians. One masked Hamas supporter, draped in a Palestinian

¹⁴³ Canary Mission (@canarymission), X (Mar. 13, 2025 11:16 AM), <https://x.com/canarymission/status/1900204396681535501>.

¹⁴⁴ Dion Pierre, *Ilhan Omar Silent After Daughter's Arrest, Suspension for Role in Columbia University Anti-Israel Protest*, THE ALGEMEINER (Apr. 19, 2024) <https://www.algemeiner.com/2024/04/19/ilhan-omar-silent-daughters-arrest-suspension-role-columbia-university-anti-israel-protest/>.

¹⁴⁵ Columbia SJP (@ColumbiaSJP), X (Apr. 19, 2024) ("An SJP Organizer, Maryam Alwan, smiling in the face of arrest."), <https://x.com/ColumbiaSJP/status/1781412022594236511>.

flag, shouted, “Never forget the 7th of October! Are you ready? 7th of October is about to be every day. Every day. 7th of October is going to be every day for you!”¹⁴⁶

145. The next day, in response to the clearing of the Encampment, NSJP posted:

TO ALL CHAPTERS: THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION!

Our universities have chosen profit and reputation over the lives of the people of Palestine and the will of their students. [Columbia] President Minouche Shafik’s cowardly testimony to Congress heralds an unfortunate shift: university administrators have capitulated to the pressure of the Zionist lobby and allied Right Wing, selling out the Student Movement for Palestinian liberation to save face in the eye of the state.

We know, however, that the supposed power of these administrators pales in comparison to the combined strength of the students, staff, and faculty committed to realizing justice and upholding Palestinian liberation on campus. In the footsteps of our comrades at Rutgers-New Brunswick SJP, Tufts SJP, and now Columbia SJP, we call on all SJPs across the nation to take back the university and force the administration to divest for the people of Gaza!

BE READY FOR AN INTERNAL CALL FOR IMMEDIATE NEXT ACTION ITEMS! REPOST ON YOUR SOCIALS TO CIRCULATE THIS NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION.¹⁴⁷

146. The next day, on April 20, 2024, NSJP used the Associational Defendants’ actions on Columbia’s campus to launch a new project: Popular University for Gaza.

PS WE ARE ALL SJP! PS Our universities have chosen profit and reputation over the lives of the Palestine and our will as students. The supposed power of our administrators is nothing compared the strength of the united students, staff, and faculty committed to realizing justice and upholding Palestinian liberation on campus. In the footsteps of our comrades, at Rutgers-New Brunswick SJP, Tufts SJP, and now Columbia SJP, we will seize our universities and force the administration to divest, for the people of Gaza! Join the Popular University, take back our institutions!¹⁴⁸

¹⁴⁶ Michael Starr, ‘October 7 is about to be every day’: Columbia rally sees Hamas support, JERUSALEM POST (Apr. 21, 2024), <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-798049>.

¹⁴⁷ National SJP (@nationalsjp), INSTAGRAM (Apr. 19, 2024), <https://www.instagram.com/p/C580sAZONce/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFlZA%3D%3D>.

¹⁴⁸ National SJP (@nationalsjp), INSTAGRAM (Apr. 20, 2024), https://www.instagram.com/p/C5_GEIWuo0D/.

147. With NSJP's support, despite the NYPD's intervention, the Encampment continued. Indeed, its extremism escalated. In the days that followed, the Encampment became even more openly affiliated with Hamas and expressly invoked groups such as the "Al-Qassam Brigades," the militant terrorist wing of the Hamas organization. In fact, Encampment comrades identified Jewish Columbia students as "Al-Qassam's Next Target."¹⁴⁹ Encampment Leaders stated:

the Al-Aqsa Flood [the October 7 terrorist attack] that put the Global Intifada back on the table again. And it is the sacrificial spirit of the Palestinian Freedom Fights [Hamas] that will guide every struggle on every corner of the earth to victory. . . . Remember that Militancy breeds Resistance. Thousands upon thousands of students around the world have been moved to rebel because of your militancy.¹⁵⁰

148. In response to the growing threats to Jewish students on Columbia's campus, Hillel Rabbi Eli Beuchler, the Director of the Orthodox Union-Jewish Learning Initiative and Columbia and Barnard, issued the following message to students:

What we are witnessing in and around campus is terrible and tragic. The events of the last few days, especially last night, have made it clear that Columbia University's Public Safety and the NYPD cannot guarantee Jewish students' safety in the face of extreme antisemitism and anarchy.

It deeply pains me to say that I would strongly recommend you return home as soon as possible and remain home until the reality in and around campus has dramatically improved.

It is not our job as Jews to ensure our own safety on campus. No one should have to endure this level of hatred, let alone at school.

If you need assistance, please reach out to me.

May we see better days on campus soon.

¹⁴⁹ Michael Starr, 'Burn Tel Aviv to the Ground:' Calls for Violence Continue at Columbia, THE JERUSALEM POST (Apr. 21, 2024), https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-798160#google_vignette.

¹⁵⁰ *Id.*

149. Some Jewish students, fearing for their safety, requested permission to attend class remotely.¹⁵¹

150. Senior members of AMP/NSJP, including Osama Abuirshaid, attended the Encampment,¹⁵² as did family members and representatives of individuals convicted of provided material support of Hamas-linked FTOs such as Palestinian Islamic Jihad.¹⁵³ Kiswani celebrated her wedding in the Encampment.¹⁵⁴

151. On April 29, 2024, Associational Defendants' mob seized Hamilton Hall, an academic building at Columbia University. They barricaded the doors, blocked entrances, smashed windows, zip-tied the doors shut, and even took janitorial staff hostage.¹⁵⁵ Associational Defendants' unlawful trespass and hostage-taking prompted the New York City Police Department to sweep the building. NSJP live streamed the Hamilton Hall takeover and subsequent arrests on Instagram. One live stream was captioned, "STUDENT INTIFADA AT COLUMBIA WHERE STUDENTS HAVE OCCUPIED HAMILTON HALL."

¹⁵¹ Cayla Bamberger, *Jewish students at Columbia University ask to study remotely as pro-Palestinian demonstrations continue*, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Apr. 19, 2024), <https://www.nydailynews.com/2024/04/19/students-at-columbia-university-continue-pro-palestinian-demonstration-day-after-mass-arrests/>.

¹⁵² American Muslims for Palestine (@ampelstine), INSTAGRAM (Apr. 25, 2024), <https://www.instagram.com/ampalestine/reel/C6Ky7Q7rL3x>.

¹⁵³ Joe Marino, *et al.*, *Wife of Convicted Terrorist Sami Al-Arian Was Hanging Out at Columbia Encampment Before Dramatic Raid*, NEW YORK POST (May 1, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/05/01/us-news/wife-of-convicted-terrorist-was-at-columbia-encampment-before-raid/>.

¹⁵⁴ Shai Davidai (@SaiDavidai), X (Apr. 24, 2024, 1:36 AM), <https://x.com/ShaiDavidai/status/1783007102752936099>.

¹⁵⁵ Aviva Klompas (@AvivaKlompas), X (Apr. 30, 2024, 7:15 AM), <https://twitter.com/AvivaKlompas/status/1785266759366226128>.



*Columbia SJP rioters breaking into Hamilton Hall.*¹⁵⁶



*Columbia SJP rioter smashing a door at Hamilton Hall.*¹⁵⁷



*Columbia SJP rioters barricading a door at Hamilton Hall.*¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁶ Alex Kent & Matt Stieb, *Behind the Barricades at Columbia's Hamilton Hall Takeover*, N.Y. MAGAZINE (updated May 1, 2024), <https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/columbias-hamilton-hall-takeover-photos-from-inside.html>.

¹⁵⁷ *Id.*

¹⁵⁸ *Id.*



*Columbia SJP rioters barricading another door at Hamilton*¹⁵⁹

152. One hundred and nine individuals were arrested for crimes committed at the encampment ranging from second degree assault, criminal possession of a weapon, burglary, and reckless endangerment.¹⁶⁰

153. After Columbia ultimately dismantled the Encampment, the Associational Defendants received heaps of praise from FTOs and nation-state proxies including the Islamic Republic of Iran, the PFLP, Al-Qaeda, and Hezbollah issued statements supporting Associational Defendants and student efforts to support their terrorist allies, like Hamas.¹⁶¹

154. Jones also participated in the Encampment. At a press conference following the Encampment's removal, Jones referred to it as "our Encampment" "where we have spent the last thirteen days" and warned: "We are not finished."¹⁶²

155. On May 10, 2024, at an event that included Hamas, PFLP, and PIJ leadership, PFLP Deputy Secretary-General Jamil Mezher praised the "university intifada," urged its expansion, and called them "a model to be emulated in order to triumph for Palestine and its people."

¹⁵⁹ *Id.*

¹⁶⁰ JB Nicholas, *Complete List and Profiles of All Protesters Arrested Inside Hamilton Hall at Columbia University*, THE FREELANCE (last visited May 25, 2025), <https://www.thefreelancenews.org/israel-palestine/complete-list-amp-profiles-of-all-protesters-arrested-inside-hamilton-hall-columbia-university-j6fnp?format=amp>.

¹⁶¹ See Composite Exhibit 4.

¹⁶² NBC News, "Student protester at Columbia says 'we are not finished,'" <https://www.nbcnews.com/video/student-protester-at-columbia-says-we-are-not-finished-210091589891> (May 1, 2024).

156. On May 31, 2024, Hassan Nasrallah, the Secretary General of Hezbollah (an Iranian-funded and supported FTO in southern Lebanon), echoed the sentiment, recognizing and lauding American students for their membership in the “resistance axis.” On June 11, Hezbollah MP Mohammad Raad, the leader of Hezbollah’s Loyalty to the Resistance parliamentary bloc said that Hezbollah should “invest” in these students.¹⁶³ Columbia SJP later reposted a video of Nasrallah glorifying martyrdom on Telegram, seemingly lamenting Israel’s elimination of an FTO leader.

157. On January 15, 2025, the Resistance News Network shared a Telegram post quoting a speech by Hamas Political Bureau member and head of Hamas in Gaza Dr. Khalil al-Hayya, which stated, “We thank everyone who supported us with words, pens, voices, images, marches, demonstrations” The word “demonstrations” linked to an April 29 Telegram post: “Inspired by the example Columbia University students set with their Gaza Solidarity Encampment beginning April 17, campus organizations across the world have followed suit.”¹⁶⁴

D. The Associational Defendants’ Post-Encampment Activity

158. Columbia SJP further amplified its efforts and messaging through its association with CUAD.

159. Columbia SJP continued to post pro-Hamas propaganda and repeat Hamas’ rhetoric on its social media.¹⁶⁵ For instance, on May 27, 2024, Columbia SJP—and SJP leaders at Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and the University of Pennsylvania—released the same message on their

¹⁶³ *Hizbullah Official Mohammad Raad: We Should Invest in the Pro-Palestine Student Protesters in Western Universities in Order to Enter the Heart of Western Societies*, MEMRI TV (June 20, 2024), <https://www.memri.org/reports/hizbullah-official-mohammad-raad-we-should-invest-pro-palestine-student-protesters-western-0>.

¹⁶⁴ Ex. 3.

¹⁶⁵ Ahmed Fouad Alkhatib (@afalkhatib), X (May 10, 2024, 2:56 AM), <https://x.com/afalkhatib/status/1788825504264695935>.

respective Instagrams, in both English and Arabic, calling for “an open intifada in every capital and every city.” Columbia SJP’s post has since been deleted. It read:

Escalate disruption and confrontation across historic Palestine, from every checkpoint and street corner to the face of every settler and soldier. Escalate protests to an open intifada in every capital and city in order to deprive the world from[sic] its heavy slumber that comes at the expense of the bodies and remains of those who survive; disrupt all facets of daily life until our people can breathe freely without the taint of the Israeli, American, and European war machine.

160. Columbia SJP uses Telegram as its chief medium to spread Hamas’ message. On or around May 29, 2024, Columbia SJP posted a message on its Telegram group from the Resistance News Network (an FTO-affiliated Telegram chat) which provided a “guide on the different factions of the Palestinian resistance.” The message continued, “What one must understand is the Palestinian resistance is not isolated to one religion or ideology, nor is it only comprised of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas. Educate yourself and render yourself immune to Zionist propaganda.” The message included a graphic describing an array of jihadist factions, including the designated FTO Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, operating within both the West Bank and Gaza.

161. At the end of May 2024, Columbia SJP circulated a message from Resistance Archives, another FTO-affiliated Telegram network, glorifying Hamas terrorists. The post included a propaganda video of Hamas terrorists with the message: “These men will never be defeated.”¹⁶⁶

162. On June 2, 2024, Columbia SJP posted a series of pro-terror messages on its Instagram account—material that has since been deleted. It read:

a. “WE WILL BE BACK, INSTALLATION 1, COMPLETE”

¹⁶⁶ *A Review of Columbia University’s Pro-Terror Group Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)’s Encrypted Telegram Channel, Where it Openly Celebrates the ‘Strategic and Anti-Imperialist Al-Aqsa Flood’ of October 7, 2023, Valorizes Terror Organizations, ‘Martyred’ Hamas Leader Sinwar, Hizbullah’s Nasrallah*, MEMRI (JAN. 17, 2025), <https://www.memri.org/reports/review-columbia-universitys-pro-terror-group-students-justice-palestine-sjps-encrypted>.

- b. “WE KNOW THAT OUR MOVEMENT IS NOT CONFINED TO ONE BUILDING OR ONE LAWN, BUT RATHER, WE KNOW THE PEOPLE OF GAZA ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR STRUGGLE AND *THAT THEY HAVE SPARKED THE STUDENT INTIFADA*”
- c. “*WE RECOMMIT TO CONTINUE STRATEGIC, TARGETED ATTACKS ON ALL ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE*”
- d. “WE ASK THAT STUDENTS ACROSS THE GLOBE PLEDGE TO DISRUPT ALL ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE”
- e. “AS WE BEGIN OUR SUMMER OF DISRUPTION, WE ASK THAT EVERY STUDENT, AND OUR WIDER COMMUNITY, *DOES THE SAME*. USE THIS TIME TO *AGITATE, EDUCATE, AND ESCALATE*”
- f. “UNTIL VICTORY AND WITH MORE INSTALLATIONS TO COME, REVOLT FOR RAFAH-LONG LIVE THE STUDENT INTIFADA.”

163. In June 2024, CUAD publicly called on its followers to replicate October 7 on American soil, specifically guiding CUAD members to “look to the tactics” of the “Palestinian resistance for inspired actions,” and instructed them to “rise” “like a flood,” as Hamas wanted.¹⁶⁷ Indeed, CUAD encouraged its followers to emulate specific historical terrorist acts, including an attempted firebombing of a federal building in Oakland, California. CUAD also referenced the “Week of Action: Operation Campus Flood” at the University of California, Berkeley, where “resistors” firebombed a UC Berkeley police car, torched a campus building, looted a campus supply building, and set fire to a campus construction site.

164. Around June 20, 2024, CUAD published a since-deleted post on its Instagram with a video depicting a “press conference” in front of the Manhattan criminal court building.¹⁶⁸ In the video, the leader of the press conference demanded the dismissal of criminal charges against

¹⁶⁷ Columbia University Apartheid Divest (@cuapartheiddivest), INSTAGRAM (June 20, 2024), formerly available at https://www.instagram.com/cuapartheiddivest/p/C8cjXIkN4Yl/?img_index=7; Ryan Mauro, *15 Smoking Guns That Show Mahmoud Khalil is a Terror Threat*, Blaze Media (Mar. 13, 2025), <https://www.theblaze.com/columns/opinion/15-smoking-guns-that-show-mahmoud-khalil-is-a-terror-threat>.

¹⁶⁸ Columbia University Apartheid Divest (@cuapartheiddivest), INSTAGRAM (June 20, 2024), formerly available at <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C8c8QDoNSz3/?igsh=MWFzZW10bm53cjh4OQ%3D%3D>.

numerous “actionists” and “protestors.” Of the “Holy Land Foundation 5” (*see supra* ¶ 50), the speaker declared: “Free them all.” The speaker also exhorted the audience to “continue escalating in our tactics.”

165. On August 8, 2024, CUAD made a public declaration via Instagram in a post that has since been deleted, stating: “We are Westerners fighting for the total eradication of Western Civilization . . . we seek community and *instruction* from militants in the Global South[.]”¹⁶⁹ (Emphasis added).

166. Additionally, CUAD declared that those fighting for resistance in America must face extreme consequences—namely, being “killed, jailed, tortured and targeted”—in order to “genuinely threaten the state” as part of the Unity Intifada that Hamas asked them to help with.

167. On September 24, 2024, CUAD hosted a “Study In4Palestine” at Columbia’s Butler Library to demand Columbia’s divestment from Israel. The advertisement for this event was circulated on the Instagram accounts for CUAD and Columbia JVP. The next day, individuals at the Study In4Palestine event distributed terrorist propaganda material, depicted below. The Associational Defendants have repeatedly spread the same pro-Hamas propaganda.

¹⁶⁹ Eyal Yakoby, @eyakoby, X (Aug. 7, 2024), <https://x.com/EYakoby/status/1821374941909942650>.

THE THAWABIT:

(fundamental principles of the Palestinian struggle created by the PLO in 1977)

- Reject colonialism in all its manifestations.
- Denounce normalization* in all its forms
- Support resistance against the Zionist movement by any means necessary.
- Free Palestine from occupation by soldiers and settlers, River to Sea with Al Quds as her capital.
- Secure right of return for all Palestinians.
- Preserve Palestinian self-determination and self autonomy.

@WALID ALWAWI ON THE THAWABIT

"To be principled:

- is to understand that an action's efficient is solidly intertwined with the non-negotiable state of the principles in which the action is rooted
- is to be a potent and efficient cog in the machinery of liberation that can only work in unity and on a solid foundation
- is to uphold the Thawabit at all costs and call out any individual who tries to compromise their validity

The oppressor seeks to compromise our Thawabit by funding unprincipled individuals "normalizers" who infiltrate our circles and blur our vision for justice towards accepting and normalizing our oppressor.

- *normalization: validating the Zionist colony's existence by endorsing or collaborating with an individual, group, entity or ideology that represents any form of "Israeli" aspirations or sentiments.

Normalizers instill a sense of hopelessness that immobilizes and pushes us to compromise on our demands... Spot the flags:

- Portraying Palestinians as weak, emphasizing suffering over resilience.
- Utilizing defeatist language to instill helplessness and provoke sympathy rather than action
- condemning armed resistance to shame Palestinians into suffering and silence
- Emphasizing western identity politics to distract from the unified goal of our liberation
- Adopting two-state terminology for Palestinian land (E.g. W/E Jerusalem instead of occupied Jerusalem, "Tel Aviv" instead of occupied Yaffa)

ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT - HAMAS

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

A CALL TO OUR ARAB AND ISLAMIC NATION AND THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD: LET US ALL UNITE WITH GAZA AND PALESTINE UNTIL THE AGGRESSION STOPS.

In the face of the continued Nazi occupation's genocide and the horrific massacres committed by the Zionist occupation over two months against more than two million Palestinian citizens, we call upon the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation, its scholars, men, institutions, and active forces to come out in roaring crowds tomorrow, Friday, and all the coming days in every city, capital, and square, to actively participate in solidarity marches and demonstrations with our people in the Gaza Strip, pressuring for the introduction of relief, humanitarian, and medical aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip, and to stop the Zionist aggression against defenseless innocents.

We also renew our invitation to the free people and those with living consciences around the world to continue and escalate their global public movement, rejecting the occupation's crimes, in solidarity with our people and their just cause and legitimate struggle, calling for an end to the aggression and the genocide against children, women, and civilians. Let us all unite tomorrow, Friday, and in the coming days, expressing our solidarity with Gaza and Palestine, against the crimes of the occupation, until the aggression stops.

07 DEC 2023

THE THAWABIT:

(fundamental principles of the Palestinian struggle created by the PLO in 1977)

- Reject colonialism in all its manifestations.
- Denounce normalization* in all its forms
- Support resistance against the Zionist movement by any means necessary.
- Free Palestine from occupation by soldiers and settlers, River to Sea with Al Quds as her capital.
- Secure right of return for all Palestinians.
- Preserve Palestinian self-determination and self autonomy.

@WALID ALWAWI ON THE THAWABIT

"To be principled:

- is to understand that an action's efficient is solidly intertwined with the non-negotiable state of the principles in which the action is rooted
- is to be a potent and efficient cog in the machinery of liberation that can only work in unity and on a solid foundation
- is to uphold the Thawabit at all costs and call out any individual who tries to compromise their validity

The oppressor seeks to compromise our Thawabit by funding unprincipled individuals "normalizers" who infiltrate our circles and blur our vision for justice towards accepting and normalizing our oppressor.

- *normalization: validating the Zionist colony's existence by endorsing or collaborating with an individual, group, entity or ideology that represents any form of "Israeli" aspirations or sentiments.

Normalizers instill a sense of hopelessness that immobilizes and pushes us to compromise on our demands... Spot the flags:

- Portraying Palestinians as weak, emphasizing suffering over resilience.
- Utilizing defeatist language to instill helplessness and provoke sympathy rather than action
- condemning armed resistance to shame Palestinians into suffering and silence
- Emphasizing western identity politics to distract from the unified goal of our liberation
- Adopting two-state terminology for Palestinian land (E.g. W/E Jerusalem instead of occupied Jerusalem, "Tel Aviv" instead of occupied Yaffa)

ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT - HAMAS

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

A CALL TO OUR ARAB AND ISLAMIC NATION AND THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD: LET US ALL UNITE WITH GAZA AND PALESTINE UNTIL THE AGGRESSION STOPS.

In the face of the continued Nazi occupation's genocide and the horrific massacres committed by the Zionist occupation over two months against more than two million Palestinian citizens, we call upon the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation, its scholars, men, institutions, and active forces to come out in roaring crowds tomorrow, Friday, and all the coming days in every city, capital, and square, to actively participate in solidarity marches and demonstrations with our people in the Gaza Strip, pressuring for the introduction of relief, humanitarian, and medical aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip, and to stop the Zionist aggression against defenseless innocents.

We also renew our invitation to the free people and those with living consciences around the world to continue and escalate their global public movement, rejecting the occupation's crimes, in solidarity with our people and their just cause and legitimate struggle, calling for an end to the aggression and the genocide against children, women, and civilians. Let us all unite tomorrow, Friday, and in the coming days, expressing our solidarity with Gaza and Palestine, against the crimes of the occupation, until the aggression stops.

07 DEC 2023

THE THAWABIT:

(fundamental principles of the Palestinian struggle created by the PLO in 1977)

- Reject colonialism in all its manifestations.
- Denounce normalization* in all its forms
- Support resistance against the Zionist movement by any means necessary.
- Free Palestine from occupation by soldiers and settlers, River to Sea with Al Quds as her capital.
- Secure right of return for all Palestinians.
- Preserve Palestinian self-determination and self autonomy.

@WALID ALWAWI ON THE THAWABIT

"To be principled:

- is to understand that an action's efficient is solidly intertwined with the non-negotiable state of the principles in which the action is rooted
- is to be a potent and efficient cog in the machinery of liberation that can only work in unity and on a solid foundation
- is to uphold the Thawabit at all costs and call out any individual who tries to compromise their validity

The oppressor seeks to compromise our Thawabit by funding unprincipled individuals "normalizers" who infiltrate our circles and blur our vision for justice towards accepting and normalizing our oppressor.

- *normalization: validating the Zionist colony's existence by endorsing or collaborating with an individual, group, entity or ideology that represents any form of "Israeli" aspirations or sentiments.

Normalizers instill a sense of hopelessness that immobilizes and pushes us to compromise on our demands... Spot the flags:

- Portraying Palestinians as weak, emphasizing suffering over resilience.
- Utilizing defeatist language to instill helplessness and provoke sympathy rather than action
- condemning armed resistance to shame Palestinians into suffering and silence
- Emphasizing western identity politics to distract from the unified goal of our liberation
- Adopting two-state terminology for Palestinian land (E.g. W/E Jerusalem instead of occupied Jerusalem, "Tel Aviv" instead of occupied Yaffa)

ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT - HAMAS

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

A CALL TO OUR ARAB AND ISLAMIC NATION AND THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD: LET US ALL UNITE WITH GAZA AND PALESTINE UNTIL THE AGGRESSION STOPS.

In the face of the continued Nazi occupation's genocide and the horrific massacres committed by the Zionist occupation over two months against more than two million Palestinian citizens, we call upon the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation, its scholars, men, institutions, and active forces to come out in roaring crowds tomorrow, Friday, and all the coming days in every city, capital, and square, to actively participate in solidarity marches and demonstrations with our people in the Gaza Strip, pressuring for the introduction of relief, humanitarian, and medical aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip, and to stop the Zionist aggression against defenseless innocents.

We also renew our invitation to the free people and those with living consciences around the world to continue and escalate their global public movement, rejecting the occupation's crimes, in solidarity with our people and their just cause and legitimate struggle, calling for an end to the aggression and the genocide against children, women, and civilians. Let us all unite tomorrow, Friday, and in the coming days, expressing our solidarity with Gaza and Palestine, against the crimes of the occupation, until the aggression stops.

07 DEC 2023

THE THAWABIT:

(fundamental principles of the Palestinian struggle created by the PLO in 1977)

- Reject colonialism in all its manifestations.
- Denounce normalization* in all its forms
- Support resistance against the Zionist movement by any means necessary.
- Free Palestine from occupation by soldiers and settlers, River to Sea with Al Quds as her capital.
- Secure right of return for all Palestinians.
- Preserve Palestinian self-determination and self autonomy.

@WALID ALWAWI ON THE THAWABIT

"To be principled:

- is to understand that an action's efficient is solidly intertwined with the non-negotiable state of the principles in which the action is rooted
- is to be a potent and efficient cog in the machinery of liberation that can only work in unity and on a solid foundation
- is to uphold the Thawabit at all costs and call out any individual who tries to compromise their validity

The oppressor seeks to compromise our Thawabit by funding unprincipled individuals "normalizers" who infiltrate our circles and blur our vision for justice towards accepting and normalizing our oppressor.

- *normalization: validating the Zionist colony's existence by endorsing or collaborating with an individual, group, entity or ideology that represents any form of "Israeli" aspirations or sentiments.

Normalizers instill a sense of hopelessness that immobilizes and pushes us to compromise on our demands... Spot the flags:

- Portraying Palestinians as weak, emphasizing suffering over resilience.
- Utilizing defeatist language to instill helplessness and provoke sympathy rather than action
- condemning armed resistance to shame Palestinians into suffering and silence
- Emphasizing western identity politics to distract from the unified goal of our liberation
- Adopting two-state terminology for Palestinian land (E.g. W/E Jerusalem instead of occupied Jerusalem, "Tel Aviv" instead of occupied Yaffa)

ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT - HAMAS

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

A CALL TO OUR ARAB AND ISLAMIC NATION AND THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD: LET US ALL UNITE WITH GAZA AND PALESTINE UNTIL THE AGGRESSION STOPS.

In the face of the continued Nazi occupation's genocide and the horrific massacres committed by the Zionist occupation over two months against more than two million Palestinian citizens, we call upon the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation, its scholars, men, institutions, and active forces to come out in roaring crowds tomorrow, Friday, and all the coming days in every city, capital, and square, to actively participate in solidarity marches and demonstrations with our people in the Gaza Strip, pressuring for the introduction of relief, humanitarian, and medical aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip, and to stop the Zionist aggression against defenseless innocents.

We also renew our invitation to the free people and those with living consciences around the world to continue and escalate their global public movement, rejecting the occupation's crimes, in solidarity with our people and their just cause and legitimate struggle, calling for an end to the aggression and the genocide against children, women, and civilians. Let us all unite tomorrow, Friday, and in the coming days, expressing our solidarity with Gaza and Palestine, against the crimes of the occupation, until the aggression stops.

07 DEC 2023

168. The flyers specifically said that: "This booklet is part of a coordinated and intentional effort to uphold the principles of the Thawabit and the Palestinian Resistance [Hamas]"

movement overall. By transmitting the words of the Resistance [Hamas] directly, this material aims to build popular support for the Palestinian war of national liberation, a war which is waged through armed struggle.” Lest there be any confusion, the booklet included messages from Hamas and PFLP leaders, including a quote from Hamas’ Al-Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades, stating that “We will emerge upon you from where you least expect it.”

169. On September 29, 2024, two days after the death of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, the Columbia SJP Telegram account posted one of Nasrallah’s speeches, and the following caption:

“The resistance is, first and foremost the people. A people who possess faith, willpower, confidence in victory, who love martyrdom, and who reject humiliation and disgrace.” – Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah (1960-2024).

170. On October 7, 2024, CUAD marked the anniversary of the October 7 attacks by distributing a self-published newspaper featuring the headline “One Year Since Al-Aqsa Flood, Revolution Until Victory” above an image of Hamas terrorists breaching the security fence into Israel. The newspaper also included an essay that described the October 7 attacks as a “moral, military and political victory.”

171. That same day, on Columbia SJP’s group chat, they distributed talking points from Ismael Haniyeh, the former chairman of the Hamas Political Bureau. The talking points simultaneously valorized October 7—the massacres of innocents, the rapes, the kidnappings—as a “moral, military, and political victory” and celebrated the so-called “mobilization and unity of the world’s masses.” That is the very service Associational Defendants provide to Hamas.

172. On October 8, 2024, CUAD and Columbia JVP posted, “A Letter from CUAD Leadership to Khymani James and Our Comrades in Solidarity” on a CUAD Instagram account that, on information and belief, is operated by Defendant Khalil. James, a former CUAD

spokesperson, had recorded a video starting that “Zionists don’t deserve to live” and that others should “Be grateful that I’m not just going out and murdering Zionists” during a meeting with school disciplinary officials. CUAD first attempted to distance itself from James’ statement, issuing what it describes as an apology on his behalf. But on October 8, 2024, CUAD retracted its apology, stating: “We support liberation by any means necessary, including armed resistance . . . violence is the only path forward . . . Long live Palestine, long live the Intifada, and long live the Resistance.”¹⁷⁰

173. On November 9, 2024, CUAD and Within Our Lifetime held an exhibition at the Alpha Delta Phi (ADP) Society House titled Hind’s House, in commemoration of the April 2024 Hamilton Hall takeover. Hind’s House was heavily promoted on Instagram by CUAD and Within Our Lifetime. Flyers at the Hind’s House exhibition listed a series of student organizations to “join and follow.” These groups included CUAD, Columbia SJP, and Columbia JVP. Within Our Lifetime-branded merchandise was sold at Hind’s House. Additional flyers present at the exhibition included the same Hamas propaganda distributed during the Study In4Palestine.

174. Kiswani was a featured speaker at the Hind’s House exhibition. Part of Kiswani’s speech was a reading of Yahya Sinwar’s last will and testament.¹⁷¹ Yahya Sinwar was the former Chairman of Hamas’ Political Bureau who was killed in battle by the IDF in October 2024.

¹⁷⁰ Jackson Walker, *Columbia student group rescinds apology for Zionists don’t deserve to live’ comment* (last updated October 10, 2024), <https://abc3340.com/news/nation-world/columbia-student-group-backtracks-apology-for-zionists-dont-deserve-to-live-comment-university-apartheid-divest-cuad-new-york-city-nyc-khymani-james>.

¹⁷¹ Maya Sulkin, *Inside Columbia University’s ‘Museum of Terror’*, THE FREE PRESS, (Jan. 6, 2025), <https://www.thefp.com/p/columbia-university-anti-israel-museum-of-terror>.



175. On November 27, 2024, CUAD published “A Tribute to Yahya Sinwar.” CUAD lionized Sinwar as upholding the “fundamental tenets of the revolutionary lifestyle” and called upon “each” of CUAD’s members to “look to him as a clear illustration of what it means to devote a full lifetime to the intifada.”

CUAD'S SUBSTACK

CUAD REMAINS COMMITTED TO OUR DEMANDS | A TRIBUTE TO YAHYA SINWAR | AL-MAYADEEN DEFENDS CUAD


CUAD
NOV 7, 2024 AT 9:30 AM

CUAD's Substack SUBSCRIBE

Contents:

- I. AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENTS AND CONTEXTUALIZING OUR DEMANDS
- II. CAST OFF THE RUBBLE OF YOUR CITY: A TRIBUTE TO YAHYA SINWAR
- III. ZIONIST SIEGE CONTINUES TOTAL DESTRUCTION IN GAZA; RESISTANCE IN PALESTINE AND LEBANON REMAIN RESILIENT

CAST OFF THE RUBBLE OF YOUR CITY



a tribute to Yahya Sinwar

"[Israel] can make the decision to assassinate me right now; they can load the aircraft and send it out... *I won't bat an eye.*" - Yahya Sinwar

In footage captured by an IOF drone of Yahya Sinwar's last moments, the resistance leader holds his ground on the second floor of a desecrated building in Rafah, wielding and subsequently throwing, defiantly, a piece of rubble at the Israeli drone pursuing him. With this footage, the IOF has unwittingly delivered into the hands of the resistance a stunning

daughters with occupation army snipers" — that the violently imposed facts of Palestinian life remained, so intractably, in place — meant that the intifada would need to escalate into resistance *by any means necessary*. Sinwar's crowning achievement, Al-Aqsa Flood was the very essence of what it is to resist with "with what we have".

Yahya Sinwar was not afraid to die. Throughout his time with the resistance, Sinwar consistently upheld martyrdom, discipline, and self-sacrifice as fundamental tenets of the revolutionary lifestyle. Now that he has ascended, he, like Ibrahim in *The Thorn and the Carnation*, has gifted us with an entire *lifetime* of resistance. Though he was of course committed to the collective liberation that undergirds the Palestinian struggle, he also understood, beautifully, the role that the individual must play in that liberation. As members of the collective pursuit of Palestinian freedom, each of us should look to him as a clear illustration of what it means to devote a full lifetime to the intifada. Yahya Sinwar became the 'self-made individual' that he wrote about. It's now the time for us to reflect on how

176. In January 2025, CUAD posted a video and a series of photos on Instagram depicting Columbia University property defaced with the following graffiti: “Gaza,” “Press your ears to the ground,” “The whole world fights for justice,” “Gaza rises, Columbia falls,” “Long Live Hind,” and “Fuck Columbia.” In the caption, CUAD wrote:

WE FIGHT UNTIL WE WIN. UNTIL PALESTINE IS FREE. CLASS IS BACK IN SESSION. GOOD LUCK COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. ✨ ✨ ✨ WALKOUT AND RALLY TODAY AT 1PM. THERE ARE NO UNIVERSITIES LEFT IN GAZA. 400,000+ PALESTINIANS MARTYRED. CEASEFIRE IS NOT ENOUGH. LAND BACK, NOTHING LESS THAN LIBERATION.¹⁷²

177. CUAD further directed its members to “bring the war home.”



¹⁷² Jessica Costescu, *Columbia Posts Security Guards Outside Jewish and Israel-Related Courses*, THE WASHINGTON FREE BEACON (Jan. 22, 2025).

178. More than 15 months after October 7, and with the backdrop of the most expansive war against Israel and the Jewish people since the Holocaust, CUAD has become one of the loudest and most prolific disseminators of Hamas propaganda on college campuses in 2025.

179. On Friday, January 17, 2025, Hamas posted to Telegram a calling to “free peoples around the world to continue activities in support of our people, denouncing these massacres and Zionist terrorism, and pressuring the occupation by all means to stop its aggression against our people in Gaza, Al-Quds and the West Bank.”¹⁷³

180. Four days later, CUAD stormed into a class on the “History of Modern Israel” with the express intent on preventing the course from proceeding. CUAD—masked to hide their identities—screamed “Burn Zionism to the Ground!” and “Crush Zionism!” all for the express purpose of preventing a course from being taught at Columbia that might espouse a perspective antithetical to the pro-Hamas narrative that they spread on Columbia’s campus in service of Hamas.¹⁷⁴

181. In official statements on social media, CUAD took credit for organizing the disruption and celebrated it as a model for others to follow. CUAD boasted, “We disrupted a Zionist class, and you should too,” encouraging more students to copy their tactic.¹⁷⁵

182. CUAD further declared that “History of Modern Israel isn’t the only Columbia class training future foot soldiers and managers of genocide. We have an even greater duty to disrupt them all. . . . Zionist classes should not exist without disruption. It is our duty to disrupt.”¹⁷⁶

¹⁷³ Ex. 3.

¹⁷⁴ David Propper, *Anti-Israel Protesters Disrupt Columbia University Class, Sparking Confrontation Between Students: Video*, NEW YORK POST (Jan 22, 2025), <https://nypost.com/2025/01/22/us-news/anti-israel-protesters-disrupt-columbia-university-class-sparking-confrontation-between-students-video/>.

¹⁷⁵ *Id.*

¹⁷⁶ Michael Starr, *Barnard Expels Two Activists Who Disrupted Columbia Israel History Class*, JPOST (Mar. 14, 2025), <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-843450>.

183. On February 12, 2025, the Resistance News Network posted on Telegram: “We, in the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), call on the masses of our people, our Arab and Islamic nations, and the free people of the world to participate in massive rallies and solidarity events in all cities and squares around the world.”¹⁷⁷ The same day, CUAD posted another call to action—“all out to low steps! For political education & a rally!” “Gaza will resist” “Gaza will rebuild.”

184. On February 26, 2025, CUAD and Columbia SJP incited a mob to storm Milbank Hall on Barnard College’s campus. The mob illegally occupied the building for several hours.

185. CUAD’s and Columbia SJP’s mob quickly turned violent when a group of masked rioters assaulted a Barnard College staff member. The staff member was hospitalized.¹⁷⁸

186. On March 3, 2025, the Resistance News Network Telegram channel called on its followers to “pressure the occupation, hold it accountable for its crimes against our people, and stand in solidarity with our prisoners as they face dire conditions.”¹⁷⁹ Hamas put out a similar call to action the next day.¹⁸⁰

187. One day after that, on March 5, 2025, CUAD forwarded a post to its telegram channel from Within Our Lifetime, which stated, “All Out to Columbia Now[.]”¹⁸¹ That telegram post instructed students to demand “justice for Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya,”¹⁸² who had been arrested during a military operation for his affiliation with Hamas, and led to the storming of Barnard College’s Milstein Library discussed below.¹⁸³

¹⁷⁷ Ex. 3.

¹⁷⁸ Michael Starr, *Barnard Staff Hospitalized by Anti-Israel Activists Invading Campus Building*, JERUSALEM POST (Feb. 27, 2025), <https://www.jpost.com/bds-threat/article-844081>.

¹⁷⁹ Ex. 3.

¹⁸⁰ *Id.*

¹⁸¹ *Id.*

¹⁸² *Id.*

¹⁸³ Charlie Summers, *Lawyers for Detained Gaza Hospital Chief Say He Was Abused in Israeli Custody*, TIMES OF ISRAEL (Feb. 12, 2025), https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/lawyers-for-detained-gaza-hospital-chief-say-he-was-abused-in-israeli-custody/.

188. On March 5, 2025, CUAD organized a mob that stormed and occupied Barnard College's Milstein Library.¹⁸⁴ Again, Khalil served as the primary spokesperson and negotiator for CUAD's mob.¹⁸⁵ However, at this point, Khalil had completed his coursework.¹⁸⁶



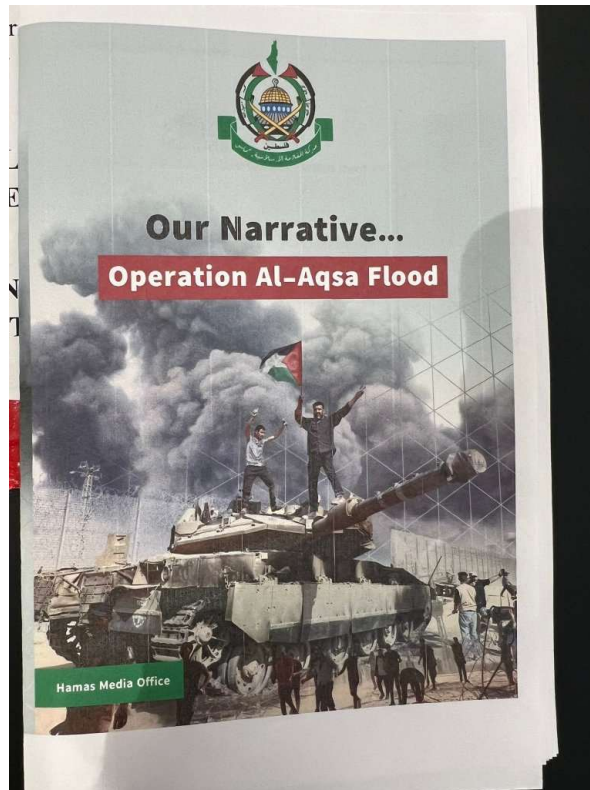
189. Khalil and the mob demanded the immediate reinstatement of the expelled students, amnesty for all individuals disciplined for pro-Palestinian activities, and the abolition of Barnard's disciplinary procedures.

¹⁸⁴ Riya Mahanta, Jaya Shankar, and Kimberly Wing, *CUAD Launches Sit-In at Barnard's Milstein Library, Declares Building the "Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya Liberated Zone,"* THE BARNARD BULLETIN (March 5, 2025), <https://www.thebarnardbulletin.com/post/cuad-launches-sit-in-at-barnard-s-milstein-library-declares-building-the-dr-hussam-abu-safiya-lib>.

¹⁸⁵ Canary Mission (@canarymission), X (Mar. 13, 2025 11:19 AM), <https://x.com/canarymission/status/1900204960509227038/photo/1>.

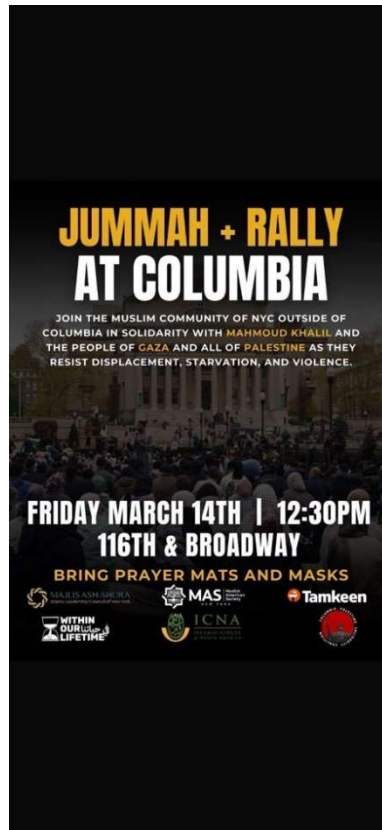
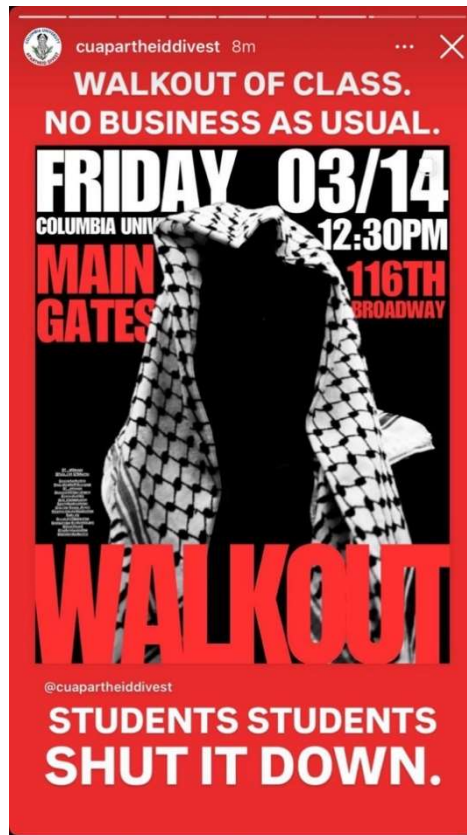
¹⁸⁶ Nik Popli, *What to Know About Mahmoud Khalil, and Why His Green Card Was Revoked*, TIME (Mar. 12, 2025), <https://time.com/7266683/mahmoud-khalil-columbia-green-card/>.

190. During the illegal occupation of Milstein Library, CUAD disseminated the “Our Narrative” pamphlet, branded with the logo “ Hamas Media Office.”¹⁸⁷



191. On March 9, 2025, Khalil, a Syrian native and Algerian citizen, was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement pending his removal from the United States. CUAD and Within Our Lifetime quickly organized a rally in solidarity with Khalil:

¹⁸⁷ Anthony Blair, *Anti-Israel Mob that Stormed Barnard Handed Out 'Hamas Media Office' Flyers Glorifying Oct. 7: 'Still Think They Don't Support Terror?'* THE NEW YORK POST (March 6, 2025), <https://nypost.com/2025/03/06/us-news/barnard-protesters-shared-hamas-media-office-flyers/>.



VII. WITHIN OUR LIFETIME’S AND KISWANI’S SUPPORT FOR HAMAS

A. *Kiswani’s Long History of Hamas Support*

192. Defendant Nerdeen Kiswani has long advocated for the eradication of Israel, glorified “martyrs” and the “resistance”—euphemisms for Hamas terrorists and Hamas itself—and encouraged violence. A sample of her publicly reported pro-Hamas rhetoric is set forth below.

193. Around July 31, 2021, Kiswani stated:

We are 100% behind the resistance. * * * [T]he door of Al-Aqsa is made of steel, it’s made of iron. And nobody can open it but the martyr. That means that we know that our liberation will only come through resistance, by any means necessary. * * * We know that martyrs are immensely rewarded.¹⁸⁸

194. On November 5, 2022, Kiswani stated:

We should never try to make our movement palatable for Western consumption, just for that sake. We should never undermine the role of the resistance or hyperfocus on, you know, this human rights discourse that just places us as passive victims because we are not that, we are fighters, we are resisting. And I think that that’s something that’s beautiful and that should be celebrated by people in the West.¹⁸⁹

195. Kiswani declared at a rally on January 29, 2023:

From the ocean of Palestinians that have been martyred since the beginning of the establishment of the Zionist state. Their names will not go in vain, their deaths will not go in vain, because we will never stop fighting for Palestine, until every single inch of our land is free.¹⁹⁰

¹⁸⁸ MEMRI, “Brooklyn Memorial Rally In Honor Of Palestinian ‘Martyrs’: ‘If We Don’t Get No Justice, They Don’t Get No Peace’; ‘NYC Is Full Of Palestine-Related Targets, The Options To Strike Back Are Endless’; ‘New York To Gaza, Globalize The Intifada,’” <https://www.memri.org/tv/Brooklyn-memorial-rally-palestinian-martyrs-no-justice-peace-nyc-targets-strike-globalize-intifada>.

¹⁸⁹ MEMRI, Palestinian-American Activist Nerdeen Kiswani On Iranian TV: Fighting, Resistance Are Beautiful, Should Be Celebrated; That’s The Only Way To Liberate Palestine; Lion’s Den, Jenin Brigade Are Involved In Active Resistance, Not Just Self-Defense, <https://www.memri.org/tv/palestinian-american-activist-nerdeen-resistance-liberate-lions-den-jenin-brigade-terror-groups-beautiful>.

¹⁹⁰ MEMRI, “Rally In Brooklyn To Support Jenin ‘Martyrs’: We Fight Until Every Inch Of Our Land Is Free; We Salute The Resistance’s Fight To Avenge The Martyrs, Reclaim Palestine From The River To The Sea,” <https://www.memri.org/tv/brooklyn-rally-support-jenin-martyrs-jenin-fight-until-every-inch-palestine-free>.

196. At another rally, Kiswani declared on April 15, 2023:

Fight for Palestine today and every single day until all our land is liberated from the river to the sea – every inch of Palestine.

* * *

Believe that you are in the right, to say that, yes, actually, a Jewish state, build on dispossession of Palestinian people and that is maintained by Jewish and white supremacy, absolutely has no right to exist. And yes, it is our mission to ensure that it will no longer exist, because as long as Israel exists, it is a threat to world peace. It is a threat to not only Palestinians, but all people of the world.

* * *

In order to commit yourself to Palestinian liberation and Palestinian freedom, that absolutely means you must commit yourself to abolishing Israel.¹⁹¹

197. At a May 13, 2023 rally, Kiswani stated:

As long as Israel exists, it is a threat to our people. As long as Israel exists, Palestinians will keep dying. As long as Israel exists, we will continue to face injustice. As long as Israel exists, we will continue to protest it, because we know that it is not an actual thing, an actual place, an actual state. It is a time period that we are going through right now, and Palestine was there before it and will be there after it.¹⁹²

198. Around September 2, 2024, Kiswani led a crowd the following call-and response:

Israel is not a place. It's a time. And their time is coming.

* * *

A ceasefire is not enough. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians will not have died in vain. They died in pursuit of liberating our homeland. And we will liberate it, by any means necessary. By any means necessary.

* * *

If you stand with Palestinians, you stand with Palestinian resistance.¹⁹³

¹⁹¹ MEMRI, "Speakers At NYC Al-Quds Day Rally: Commit Yourself To Abolishing Israel, Its Existence Is A Threat To World Peace; Fight For Palestine's Liberation By Any Means Necessary, Be Part Of The Intifada Wherever You Are," <https://www.memri.org/tv/speakers-at-nyc-quds-day-rally-commit-to-abolishing-israel-threat-world-peace-intifada>.

¹⁹² MEMRI, "Protestors, Activists At Nakba Day Rally In Brooklyn: Palestine Will Be Free By Any Means Necessary! All Of Israel Is Stolen Land – Stand Up And Fight Back!," <https://www.memri.org/tv/brooklyn-nakba-day-rally-support-palestine-resistance-any-means-necessary>.

¹⁹³ MEMRI, "Participants In 'Flood NYC For Gaza' Rally Wave Flags Of U.S. Designated Terrorist Organizations, Yahya Sinwar; Nerdeen Kiswani Of Within Our Lifetime: A Ceasefire Is Not Enough; If You Stand With

B. Strike4Gaza

199. The IRGC and Hamas work in tandem with each other. Iran, through the IRGC, funds and trains Hamas, and coordinates many of Hamas' operations. Indeed, the IRGC directly enabled Hamas' October 7 terrorist attack by funding, training, and equipping Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad and by assisting in the preparations for the attacks.¹⁹⁴

200. In March 2024, the IRGC internally disseminated a secret memorandum titled "Supporting and Encouraging Palestinian Movements Towards the Political Isolation of Zionism" ("IRGC Memo").¹⁹⁵ The IRGC Memo called for "an economic blockade across four continents in solidarity with Palestinians" on April 15, 2024.¹⁹⁶

201. The IRGC Memo leaked on April 15, 2024, the day of the planned blockade.

202. Before the leak, Hamas and the IRGC's subordinates received their marching orders and were prepared to carry out the IRGC's intended attack on American critical infrastructure, economic hubs, and academic centers.

203. Beginning in March 2024, a previously non-existent organization, A15 Action, created a social media account and purchased a series of websites, including www.a15action.com ("A15 Website") and www.strike4gaza.org ("Strike4Gaza Website"). Through these channels, A15 Action coordinated an economic blockade on April 15, 2024,¹⁹⁷ directly following their orders

Palestinians, You Stand With Palestinian Resistance," <https://www.memri.org/tv/flood-nyc-for-gaza-flag-us-designated-terror-organizations-yahya-sinwar-nerdeen-kiswani-ceasefire-not-enough-resistance>.

¹⁹⁴ Matthew Levitt, *The Hamas-Iran Relationship*, THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR EAST POLICY (Nov. 2023), <https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/hamas-iran-relationship>; Summer Said et al., *Iran Helped Plot Attack on Israel Over Several Weeks*, WALL ST. J. (Oct. 8, 2023), <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/iran-israel-hamas-strike-planning-bbe07b25>.

¹⁹⁵ The IRGC Memo is attached as Exhibit 5.

¹⁹⁶ *Id.*; see also *Leaked Document Reveals IRGC's Role in Global Anti-Israel Campaign*, IRAN INT'L NEWS (Apr. 15, 2024), <https://www.iranintl.com/en/202404158853>.

¹⁹⁷ *Coordinated Economic Blockade to Free Palestine*, A15 ACTION (Apr. 15, 2024), archived at **Error!**

Hyperlink reference not valid.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240327084454/https://www.a15action.com>.

from the IRGC. There is no real organization named “A15 Action.” It is simply a pseudonym for a group of organizations responsible for planning the April 15th Blockade. On the Strike4Gaza Website, these organizations admit that the coordinated economic blockade was “Organized By” a group of very familiar names, including AMP, NSJP, and Within Our Lifetime:



Organized by:

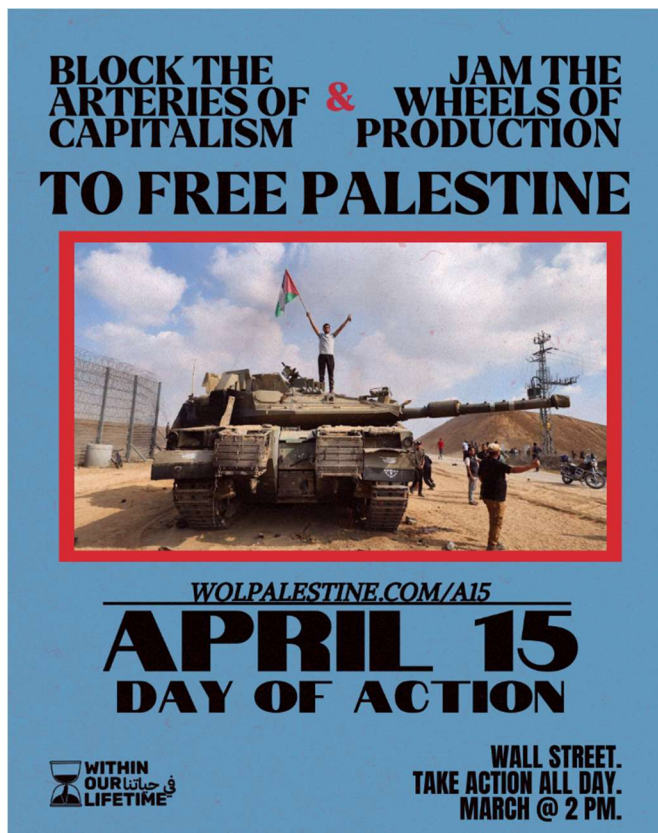


204. Within Our Lifetime was among the most aggressive of these organizations. On its own webpage for the Strike4Gaza, Within Our Lifetime called for a “blockade” of the “global economy” intended to “block[] the arteries of capitalism and jam[] the wheels of product” to support Hamas.¹⁹⁸ Within Our Lifetime specifically called on its supporters to “flood Wall Street for Gaza” to “hurt the bottom line of these war profiteers and send a message that they will not get away with committing a genocide.”¹⁹⁹ Within Our Lifetime created its own marketing materials for the Strike4Gaza:

¹⁹⁸ *April 15: Day of Action to Free Palestine*, WITHIN OUR LIFETIME (last visited Mar. 23, 2025), <https://wolpalestine.com/a15/>.

¹⁹⁹ *Id.*





205. On April 15, 2024, “Strike4Gaza” protests erupted across the world, just as the IRGC ordered. In America, Associational Defendants and the IRGC’s other allies and affiliates across the country attacked major economic and infrastructure centers such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Brooklyn Bridge, Chicago-O’Hare Airport and—at Within Our Lifetime’s direction—the New York Stock Exchange.

206. This was planned and coordinated as part of a specific, direct response to orders from the IRGC Memo which, again, was not yet public. Within Our Lifetime engaged in the Strike4Gaza on direct orders from the IRGC Memo for the sole and specific purpose of providing knowing and substantial support to Hamas, the IRGC’s puppet.

C. June 10, 2024, Day of Rage

207. Within Our Lifetime planned and hosted a “Day of Rage” specifically designed to harass and disrupt an exhibit in New York honoring the victims of Nova Music Festival (“Nova

Exhibit”). Numerous New York-based AMP/NSJP affiliates attended Within Our Lifetime’s Day of Rage.²⁰⁰ The Day of Rage—as one might expect—quickly descended into threats of violence, particularly against Jews. Almost immediately, Within Our Lifetime’s mob took over subway trains and began threatening people, demanding that “Zionists” identify themselves and threatening them “to get out.”²⁰¹

208. Outside the Nova Exhibit, Within Our Lifetime’s rioters lit and shot flares, waved Hezbollah and Hamas Al-Qassam Brigade flags, and shouted slogans such as Long live October 7” and “Long live the intifada.”²⁰²



*Within Our Lifetime Rioters Wave Terrorist Flags Outside the Nova Exhibit*²⁰³

²⁰⁰ Adam Sabes, *Several NYC Students for Justice in Palestine groups to hold 'Citywide Day of Rage for Gaza'*, CAMPUS REFORM (June 10, 2024), <https://www.campusreform.org/article/several-nyc-students-justice-palestine-groups-hold-citywide-day-rage-gaza/25616>.

²⁰¹ Justin Finch & Mira Wassef, *Pro-Palestinian Protesters Take Over NYC Subway in “Day of Rage”*, NEWS NATION (June 13, 2024), <https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/northeast/nyc-subway-day-of-rage>.

²⁰² TOI Staff, *NYC protesters wave terror group flags, call for intifada outside Nova massacre exhibit*, TIMES OF ISRAEL (June 11, 2024), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/nyc-protesters-wave-terror-group-flags-call-for-intifada-outside-nova-massacre-exhibit/>.

²⁰³ David Propper, *Anti-Israel mob chanting ‘Long live Intifada’ lights flares outside NYC exhibit that memorializes Oct. 7 Nova Music Festival victims*, N.Y. POST (June 10, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/06/10/us-news/anti-israel-mob-chanting-long-live-intifada-light-flares-outside-nyc-exhibit-that-memorializes-oct-7-nova-music-festival-victims/>.



*Within Our Lifetime rioters set off smoke bombs outside the Nova Exhibit*²⁰⁴



*Within Our Lifeimte Rioters Clash with Police*²⁰⁵

209. When Within Our Lifetime received backlash for its Day of Rage, Columbia JVP quickly came to its defense:

²⁰⁴ *Id.*

²⁰⁵ *Id.*



VIII. THE ASSOCIATIONAL DEFENDANTS' ACTIONS ARE NOT PROTECTED SPEECH

210. This case is not about individuals and organizations independently exercising their free speech rights to support whatever cause they wish—no matter how abhorrent.

211. Rather, it is about organizations and their leaders knowingly providing substantial assistance—in the form of propaganda and recruiting services—to, and in coordination with, a designated foreign terrorist organization, Hamas. This substantial assistance is valuable to Hamas and instrumental to its ability to engage in October 7 and its subsequent and ongoing acts of international terrorism.

212. It would be illegal for Hamas to directly retain a traditional public relations firm in the United States or hire enforcers to impose their will on American cities. Therefore, those are precisely the services that the Associational Defendants knowingly provide to Hamas. Indeed, in many instances, they do so in direct coordination with Hamas itself and/or with AMP/NSJP.

213. In short, Hamas relies on its propagandists around the world to do its bidding, spreading its falsehoods about Israel and the Jews far and wide, and to instigate a culture of violence and fear to sway global institutions to behave in Hamas' favor. Global propaganda, particularly directed at the West and the United States, is not just one small part of Hamas' broader strategy: *it is Hamas' grand strategy*. Sadly, Hamas' foot soldiers in New York City and on Columbia's campus have become so emboldened that they act without fear of accountability.

COUNT I

Violation of the Antiterrorism Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2333(d) (by Iris Weinstein Haggai, John Doe, Richard Roe, and Jane Moe against all Defendants)

214. Plaintiffs Iris Weinstein Haggai, on her own behalf on behalf of Judith Lynne Weinstein Haggai and Gad Haggai, John Doe, Richard Roe, and Jane Moe ("U.S. Plaintiffs") reallege and reincorporate all the foregoing allegations as though fully set out herein.

215. Under the ATA, "[a]ny national of the United States injured in his or her person, property, or business by reason of an act of international terrorism, or his or her estate, survivors, or heirs, may sue therefor in any appropriate district court of the United States and shall recover threefold the damages he or she sustains and the cost of the suit, including attorney's fees." 18 U.S.C. § 2333(a).

216. ATA "liability may be asserted as to any person who aids and abets, by knowingly providing substantial assistance, or who conspires with the person who committed such an act of international terrorism." *Id.* § 2333(d)(2).

217. Hamas committed, planned, or authorized numerous acts of international terrorism, including:

- a. The October 7 attack;
- b. The holding of hostages in Gaza;
- c. The theft and withholding of the bodies of the deceased;

- d. Rocket attacks against civilians; and
- e. Attacks on Israeli soldiers.

218. Hamas is a United States designated FTO and was so as of the date these acts were committed.

219. U.S. Plaintiffs and their decedents have been injured in their persons, property, and/or business because of the foregoing acts of international terrorism, which are ongoing and continue through the day of this filing.

220. Associational Defendants are properly sued through their respective representatives named herein.

221. Through the Defendants' provision of the propaganda and recruiting services alleged above, the Defendants have aided and abetted, by providing knowing and substantial assistance, the foregoing and ongoing acts of international terrorism.

222. Associational Defendants so pervasively and systemically assisted Hamas as to render them liable for every Hamas terror attack and action.

223. On information and belief, Associational Defendants' members, both explicitly and implicitly through their actions and inactions, authorized or ratified all the conduct described.

224. Accordingly, Defendants are liable to U.S. Plaintiffs under the Antiterrorism Act.

COUNT II
Violation of the Law of Nations, 28 U.S.C. § 1350
(by Shlomi Ziv, Ayelet Samerano, Talik Gvili, Roe Baruch, and James Poe
against all Defendants)

225. Plaintiffs Shlomi Ziv, Ayelet Samerano, on her own behalf and on behalf of Yonatan Samerano, Talik Gvili, on her own behalf and on behalf of Ran Gvili, Roe Baruch, on his own behalf and on behalf of Uriel Baruch, and James Poe, on his own behalf and on behalf of Leo Poe

(“Israeli Plaintiffs”), reallege and reincorporate all the foregoing allegations as though fully set out herein.

226. The Alien Tort Statute grants federal district courts with “original jurisdiction of any civil action by an alien for a tort only, committed in violation of the law of nations or a treaty of the United States.” 28 U.S.C. § 1350.

227. Israeli Plaintiffs are Israeli citizens and are therefore aliens under the Alien Tort Statute.

228. The “law of nations,” or international law, universally prohibits acts of terrorism such as those Hamas perpetrated on and after October 7, including kidnapping and imprisoning civilian hostages, attacking civilian populations, and holding human remains to use as bargaining chips. Since the Nuremberg trials and the aftermath of World War II, it has been universally recognized that it is unacceptable to murder, rape, torture, imprison, deport, enslave, or exterminate a civilian population.²⁰⁶ The Nuremberg trials also recognized that persecution based on political, racial or religious reasons violated international law.²⁰⁷

229. Additionally, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“Rome Statute”), an international treaty adopted in 1998 and signed by 123 countries, prohibits certain crimes against humanity that are committed against a civilian population in a systematic way, including murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation or forcible transfer of population, torture, rape, and persecution against an identifiable group.²⁰⁸

²⁰⁶ Nuremberg Control Council Law No. 10, art. II, § 1(b)–(d), available at <https://avalon.law.yale.edu/imt/imt10.asp>.

²⁰⁷ *Id.* § 1(c).

²⁰⁸ Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court art. 7 (July 17, 1998), <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/2024-05/Rome-Statute-eng.pdf>.

230. Article 34 of the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits the taking of hostages.²⁰⁹ Additionally, the Rome Statute states that the taking of hostages is a war crime.²¹⁰

231. International law likewise universally prohibits the material support of terrorism. Article 2.1(b) of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism prohibits any person from “by any means, directly or indirectly, unlawfully and willfully, provid[ing] or collect[ing] funds with the intention that they should be used or in the knowledge that they are to be used, in full or in part, in order to carry out” any “act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian . . . when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.”²¹¹ Over 130 countries, including the United States, have signed this Convention.

232. “[A] defendant may be held liable under international law for aiding and abetting the violation of that law by another when the defendant (1) provides practical assistance to the principal which has a substantial effect on the perpetration of the crime, and (2) does so with the purpose of facilitating the commission of that crime.” *Presbyterian Church of Sudan v. Talisman Energy, Inc.*, 582 F.3d 244, 259 (2d Cir. 2009) (internal quotation marks omitted).

233. Associational Defendants are properly sued through their respective representatives named herein.

²⁰⁹ IV Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War art. 34 (Aug. 12, 1949), available at https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/atrocities-crimes/Doc.33_GC-IV-EN.pdf.

²¹⁰ Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court art. 8(2)(a)(viii) (July 17, 1998), available at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/2024-05/Rome-Statute-eng.pdf>.

²¹¹ International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism art. 2.1(b), Dec. 9, 1999, 2178 U.N.T.S. 197, available at https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XVIII-11&chapter=18&clang=_en.

234. Defendants provide practical assistance to Hamas that has substantially affected Hamas' ability to carry out the acts of international terrorism that have injured the Israeli Plaintiffs.

235. Both before and after October 7, Defendants intentionally instigated a mass culture of fear, threats, violence, and overt hatred on Columbia's campus to intimidate Columbia and other institutions, in an attempt to bend them to Hamas' will. Defendants have spent the year and a half since Hamas' October 7 attack organizing and inciting riots and acts of domestic terrorism as part of their substantial assistance to Hamas.

236. Defendants have provided this practical assistance with the purpose of facilitating Hamas' acts of international terrorism.

237. By providing this practical assistance to Hamas with the purpose of facilitating Hamas' acts of international terrorism, Defendants aided and abetted Hamas' acts of terrorism, before, during, and after October 7, including Hamas' efforts to demonize Israel, all in violation of international law.

238. Additionally, by providing this support, Defendants have materially supported Hamas, an FTO, in violation of international law.

239. On information and belief, Associational Defendants' members, both explicitly and implicitly through their actions and inactions, authorized or ratified all the conduct described.

240. As a result of Defendants' aiding, abetting, and materially supporting Hamas, Israeli Plaintiffs and their decedents suffered injuries to their persons and property.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs demand:

- i. Judgment against Defendants, individually and as representatives of Associational Defendants, for violating the Antiterrorism Act and the law of nations;
- ii. Compensatory damages for each Plaintiff in amounts to be determined at trial;
- iii. As to U.S. Plaintiffs, treble damages as authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 2333(a);
- iv. Punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish Defendants, individually and as representatives of Associational Defendants, and to deter similar conduct in the future;
- v. Pre- and post-judgment interest where applicable in favor of Plaintiffs;
- vi. Costs, expenses, and attorney's fees as permitted by law or equity; and
- vii. Any such further relief as this Court deems appropriate or as justice requires.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Scott J. Bornstein
SCOTT J. BORNSTEIN

/s/ Richard A. Edlin
RICHARD A. EDLIN

GREENBERG TRAUIG, LLP

SCOTT J. BORNSTEIN
bornsteins@gtlaw.com
RICHARD A. EDLIN
edlinr@gtlaw.com
One Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, New York 10017
T. 212.801.9200

GREENBERG TRAUIG, P.A.

ZACHARY NEEDELL*
zachary.needell@gtlaw.com
401 East Las Olas
Boulevard, Suite 2000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
33301
T. 954.765.0500

SCHOEN LAW FIRM, LLC

DAVID SCHOEN
N.Y. Bar No. 2700847
schoenlawfirm@gmail.com
2800 Zelda Road, Suite 100-6
Montgomery, Alabama 36106
T. 334.395.6611
F. 917.591.7586

HOLTZMAN VOGEL BARAN

TORCHINSKY & JOSEFIK, PLLC

JASON TORCHINSKY (*pro hac vice*)
jtorchinsky@holtzmanvogel.com
SUSAN GREENE
sgreene@holtzmanvogel.com
N.Y. Bar No. 4687349
2300 N. Street NW, Suite 643
Washington D.C. 20037
T. 202.737.8808

**NATIONAL JEWISH ADVOCACY
CENTER**

MARK GOLDFEDER*
mark@njaclaw.org
BEN SCHLAGER*
ben@njaclaw.org
ANAT ALON-BECK*
Anat@njaclaw.org
ARIELLE F. KLEPACH*
Arielle@njaclaw.org
LAUREN ISRAELOVITCH
lauren@njaclaw.org
National Jewish Advocacy Center, Inc.
International Legal Forum
1718 General George Patton Drive
Brentwood, TN 37027
T. (800) 269-9895
F: (800) 758-5232

**Pro Hac Vice Application Forthcoming*